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To help stakeholders stay abreast of educational legislation, information which directly affects pre-K through 12 education is presented. The information is in the form of raw data and addresses the following topics: accountability, accreditation, administration, alternative education, assessment/testing, at-risk youth, attendance, bilingual education, career education, charter schools, child abuse, choice, collective bargaining, community involvement, curriculum, deregulation, desegregation, discipline, dress codes, driver's licenses, early childhood education, extended day, finance, gifted and talented students, governance, grading practices, health, home schooling, incentives, instruction methods, interagency collaboration, kindergarten, leadership, magnet schools, mentoring, minority issues, nonpublic schools, parents, postsecondary education, privatization, religion, safety, scheduling, schools, school boards, school districts, secondary education, sexual harassment, site-based management, social issues, special education, standards, states, student aid, students, substance abuse, teacher certification, teacher compensation, teacher contracts, teacher education, teacher evaluation, teacher mentors, teacher recruitment, teacher shortages, teacher staff development, teacher staffing, teaching profession, technology, tenure, textbooks, tuition, urban schools, vocational education, vouchers, and workforce preparation. Each legislative initiative is synopsized and coded to reveal its status. (RJM)

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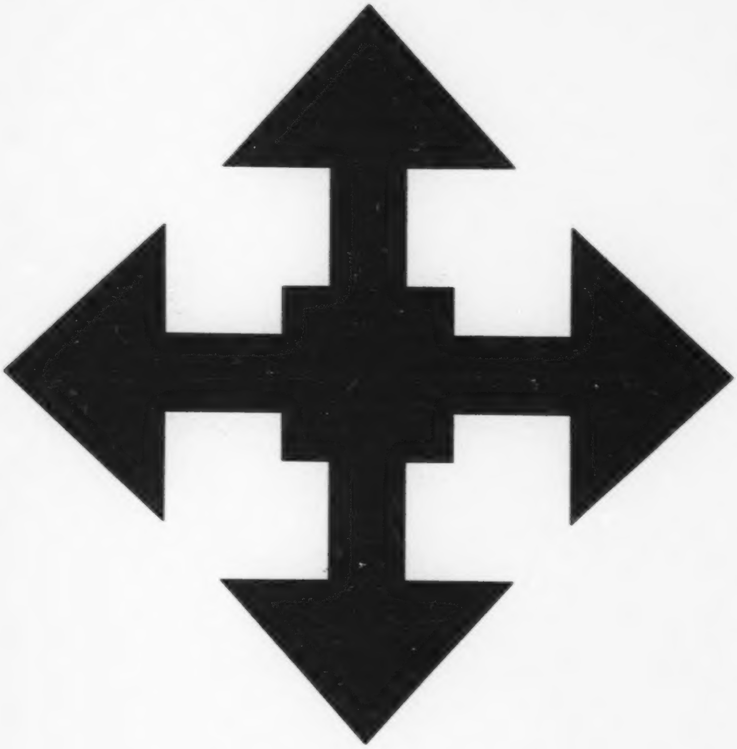

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1996-97 State Issues Report

INTRODUCTION

Most of the items in this *State Issues Report* cover the preK-12 level. They have been collected from legislators, legislative staff, state newsletters, *StateNet*, *Lexis-Nexis*, school board/teacher associations and various media. ECS staff have made every attempt to validate all information.

Essentially, the information in this report is raw data — rapidly processed to be released in printed form at the earliest possible date. Editing has been kept to a minimum; many items appear in form similar to the one in which they were received. Not all legislation listed here was enacted; some bills or programs were included because we considered them significant. Bill descriptions may have been modified since introduction. A few older records were included to provide perspective about the importance/ longevity of particular issues.

This report was compiled by the ECS Clearinghouse, the centralized resource and research arm of the commission. ECS policy experts and staff are available to assist in the search for state and legislative information, topical research and publications. The Clearinghouse also is linked to a wide range of education-related organizations. If your question deals with education, Clearinghouse staff can provide the answer — or at least point you in the right direction.

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KEY:

Active:	Relates to programs, not policy.
Died:	Not approved by the legislature.
Enacted:	Passed by the legislature and signed by the governor.
Passed:	Regulation approved by the state board, legislative resolution approved by one or both houses, or ballot initiative approved by voters.
Proposed:	Presented by governor, legislative body or other entity such as the state board of education.
Vetoed:	Vetoed by the governor.

NOTE: Summaries provided by *StateNet* or *Lexis-Nexis* reflect the content of bills as introduced and may not reflect changes made during the legislative process.

State	Status	Summary
ACCOUNTABILITY (also see ACCREDITATION, ASSESSMENT/TESTING, DEREGULATION/WAIVERS and STANDARDS)		
AR	Enacted 2/97	Requires more detailed dropout information be included in annual school district report card; requires local school districts to file dropout information with the regional Selective Service Agency. Title: **HB 1135 - School District Report Card** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AR	Enacted 4/97	Relates to Arkansas education goals and performance accountability, student competency, graduation rates, educational testing. Title: **SB 57 -** Accountability Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Died 6/97	Provides for plan to improve accountability of underachieving school districts; states that by December 15, 1997, superintendent of public instruction shall submit to senate president, speaker of the house and governor a plan to improve accountability of underachieving school districts; plan shall include proposed legislation to accomplish purposes of this act. Title: **HB 2187 - Accountability of Underachieving School Districts** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 7/97	Deletes specified program to improve certain schools with low testing results and attendance rates, and enacts the Guaranteed Educational Quality Act of 1997. The act establishes two-phase program to improve individual pupil performance and overall school performance in schools identified by superintendent of public instruction, or objective data, as having high concentrations of low-performing pupils. Title: **SB 300 - Enactment of Guaranteed Educational Quality Act of 1997** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 8/97	Requires quality of school nursing services to be assessed as part of statewide model school accountability report card. Requires school districts to include, as part of their school accountability report card, assessment of number of full-time nurses employed and whether those nurses meet specifications of school nurse as set forth in existing law. Title: **SB 305 - School Accountability Report Card** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Allows state to "recapture" failing school districts and to administer and oversee such districts until they are able to perform successfully. Title: **HB 5302 - State Recapturing of School Districts** Source: *StateNet*

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CT	Enacted 4/97	Dissolves Hartford Board of Education and establishes State Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public Schools to take its place; transfers all contracts, powers and duties connected with dissolved board to the new board and gives Board of Trustees sole responsibility for managing district from June 1, 1997 to June 30, 2000; allows request for extension to June 30, 2002 and makes other specific provisions regarding the board. Title: **SB 1200 - Establishment of New Governing Board** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 6/97	Requires Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide annual report to each legislator ranking public elementary and secondary schools throughout the state in accordance with certain indicators. Title: **HB 2450 - Accountability of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Proposed 6/97	Requires development and implementation of school and district accountability system; creates School and District Accountability Advisory Commission and School and District Accountability Fund; repeals School Incentive Program. Title: **HB 2068 - School and District Accountability System** Source: Louisiana Governor's Office of Education
MA	Proposed 3/97	Establishes Center for Accountability in Public Education at University of Massachusetts. Title: **HB 1887 - Accountability in Public Education** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Enacted 6/96	Implements ABCs Plan to establish accountability model for public schools to improve student performance and increase local flexibility and control. Makes appropriation. Title: **SB 1139 - Accountability for Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
NM	Enacted 4/97	Amends school district accountability report to require State Board of Education to establish format of reports and ensure relevant data are provided; repeals sections of accountability report; requires state board to establish different levels of accreditation by which schools will be measured and provides incentives for schools with highest accreditation levels; requires state board to establish corrective actions and interventions for schools with low accreditation levels. Title: **SB 997 - School District Accountability** Source: New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee
NV	Died 7/97	Requires Department of Education to evaluate performance of public schools; requires certain notice of school evaluation; under certain circumstances, places school on academic probation based upon its evaluation; requires governor under certain circumstances to establish panel to review a school's academic probation. Title: **SB 241 - Evaluation of Public Schools Performance** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 1/97	Provides that whenever 25% or more eligible secondary school pupils in any school district shall be classified as dropouts, commissioner of education shall require resource allocation plan and dropout prevention measure; subjects plan to commissioner approval and requires Department of Education to provide assistance in plan's development and implementation. Title: **AB 1498 - State Accountability for Dropout Prevention** Source: *StateNet*

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NY	Proposed 4/97	Provides that wherever 25% or more of the eligible pupils in any high school in any school district shall be classified as dropouts, the commissioner of education shall relieve local officials and implement plan of resource allocation and dropout prevention measures; commissioner shall report to legislature regarding plan's success. Title: **SB 4136 - Implementation of Plan of Resource Allocation and Dropout Prevention Measures by the Commissioner** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Enacted 8/97	Allows certain urban school districts, specifically Cleveland City Schools, to be governed by board named by the mayor. Gives mayor authority to appoint board to govern district, put current board in advisory capacity, and then allow voter referendum four years later on whether public wants to continue arrangement. Title: **HB 269 - Mayor's Governing Board** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
OH	Proposed 3/97	Places on ballot of municipal school district the question of having its board of education remain organized as is, reorganized as nine-member board appointed by mayor or reorganized in accordance with petition submitted by electors; provides for mayoral-appointed board if electors choose that option. Title: **HB 226 - Municipal Board Organization** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
OH	Enacted 8/97	Revises and establishes student academic accountability measures and school district accountability and governance measures; provides for cooperation between elementary and secondary and higher education institutions. Title: **SB 55 H - Student and School District Accountability** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Proposed 2/97	Sets out performance goals and assessment for school districts. Part subtitled "Sanders Model" contains protocol for value-added assessment system and mixed model methodologies which provide for best linear unbiased prediction. Title: **HB 324 and SB 330 - Performance Goals and Assessments for School Districts** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Proposed 4/97	Requires changes of implementation date on Sanders performance evaluation model from July 1, 1996, to July 1, 2001. Title: **SB 976 - Performance Evaluation** *Source: StateNet*
TN	Enacted 5/97	Requires commissioner of education annually to report certain information pertaining to student suspensions, expulsions and dropouts; requires certain local education agencies to develop and implement action plans to reduce number of African-American dropouts. Title: **SB 405 - Student Information Reporting; Dropout Reduction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ACCREDITATION (also see ACCOUNTABILITY, ASSESSMENT/TESTING, DEREGULATION/WAIVERS and STANDARDS)		
MO	Died 5/97	Requires general assembly to approve school classification requirements and accreditation standards before school may be refused accreditation. Standards must be uniform for all schools. School whose students score above 50th percentile on nationally standardized test cannot be refused accreditation. Title: **HB 759 - Accreditation Standards** Source: *StateNet*

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MS	Died 2/97	Eliminates performance-based standards of public school accreditation. Repeals Workforce-Education Act. Title: **SB 2127 - Performance-Based Standards; Workforce-Education Act** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Vetoed 3/97	Provides that no revisions to Standards of Accreditation for public schools shall be implemented prior to July 1, 1998. Title: **HB 2213 - Standards of Accreditation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ADMINISTRATOR/PRINCIPAL (also see LEADERSHIP)		
CO	Enacted 3/97	Requires that approved program of preparation for principals or administrators include coursework in principles of business management, in budgeting practices and in analysis of student assessment data and its use in planning for student instruction. Title: **HB 1108 - Administrator Preparation** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION (also see DISCIPLINE and MAGNET SCHOOLS)		
IN	Died 1/97	Provides additional count of 0.50 in state tuition support formula for students of school corporation who participate in alternative program. Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules to determine eligibility of programs for additional count as alternative program. Repeals obsolete statute concerning alternative education programs under IPASS program. Title: **SB 322 - Alternative Education** Source: *StateNet*
ND	Enacted 4/97	Provides for reimbursement of certain school districts having alternative high schools. Title: **HB 1051 - Alternative Education** Source: *StateNet*
OR	Enacted 5/97	Allows parent or guardian to enroll student in alternative education program to meet student's educational needs and interests. Title: **SB 184 - Alternative Education Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ASSESSMENT/TESTING (also see ACCOUNTABILITY and ACCREDITATION)		
AK	Proposed 5/97	Establishes performance standards for elementary and secondary students; requires high school graduation examination. Title: **HB 275 - Performance Standards** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Enacted 4/97	Provides comprehensive testing and assessment program for measuring academic achievement of public school students. Title: **SB 550 - Testing and Assessment Program** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Requires students to pass exit examination before graduating from high school and expands school year by three days so examinations do not result in lost class time. Title: **HB 5713 - Exit Exams for High School Graduation** Source: *StateNet*

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AT-RISK YOUTH/DROPOUT PREVENTION (also see ACCOUNTABILITY, ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION, DISCIPLINE, INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS, MAGNET SCHOOLS and SUBSTANCE ABUSE)		
CA	Enacted 9/96	Appropriates $2.25 million from general fund to superintendent of public instruction for 1996-97 fiscal year only, for allocation to Los Angeles Unified School District to provide early intervention program for at-risk pupils in grades 6-8, who otherwise are eligible to be served by community day schools. Title: **AB 2895 - Program for At-Risk Pupils** Source: *StateNet*
ID	Enacted 3/96	Limits teacher's or school district's duty to warn of student's suicidal tendencies or of possible injury of one student by another student. Title: **HB 598 - Limitation of Suicidal Tendency and Possible Injury Warnings** Source: *StateNet*
MD	Died 4/97	Establishes new Targeted Poverty Grant Program; provides for grants to counties and Baltimore City, requires money to be used to improve educational performance and academic achievement of schools with students living in poverty, improves management and administration of such schools, implements other improvements that directly support improved classroom instruction. Title: **HB 1058 - Poverty Grant Program** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Establishes Motivating Parents and Children (MPAC) pilot program for school districts; aimed at children at risk. Title: **SB 2215 - Motivating Parents and Children Pilot Program for At-Risk** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 1/97	Establishes programs for sweeping educational reform to address dropout epidemic, enhance programs of cultural excellence and reinforcement; provides for ethnic equity in curriculum and testing; appropriates to state education department $5 million for pupils at risk, $22 million for demonstration grants to school districts, $2.5 million for alternative secondary education, $2 million for increased staffing, $1 million for commission on education reform, and other funding. Title: **AB 1639 - At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Programs** Source: *StateNet*
ATTENDANCE (also see DISCIPLINE, INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS and PARENT/FAMILY)		
AL	Enacted 4/96	Urges boards of education and city and county governments to enforce truancy laws. Title: **SJR 71 - Enforcement of Truancy Laws** Source: *StateNet*
AL	Died 5/97	Lowers mandatory school attendance age. Title: **HB 887 - Compulsory School Attendance Age** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Died 3/97	Reduces age for compulsory school attendance from 17 to 16 years of age. Title: **HB 1067 - Compulsory School Attendance Age** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Died 2/97	Repeals ACA 6-18-222 (b), which authorizes revocation of driving privileges of minors with excessive unexcused absences from school. Title: **HB 1536 - Revocation of Driving Privileges With Unexcused Absences** Source: *StateNet*

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CA	Enacted 6/95	Provides that pupils are truant if absent without valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute segment during school day without valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. Title: **SB 102 - Defines Truancy** Source: *StateNet*
CO	Enacted 3/97	Requires compulsory school attendance laws apply to 6-year-old child enrolled in public school in 1st grade or higher. If legal proceeding to compel attendance of any student is brought, bill would authorize court to compel parent to take reasonable steps to assure child's attendance. Current law (School Attendance Law of 1963) requires that, with certain exceptions, every child at least 7 years of age and under age 16 shall attend public school. Title: **SB 13 - Compulsory School Attendance** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
CT	Died 6/97	Increases from 16 to 18 years the age when students can drop out of school; prepares students to become employable citizens by providing them with necessary academic and vocational skills. Title: **HB 5011 - Age When Students Can Drop Out of School**
CT	Died 6/97	Requires children between ages 16 and 18 to have parental consent before leaving school. Title: **HB 6675 - Compulsory School Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Enacted 5/97	Requires each local and regional board of education furnish, by transportation or otherwise, school accommodations so that each child 5 years of age and over and under 21 years of age who is not high school or vocational school graduate may attend public school, except as provided in section 10-233c, and subsection (d) of 10-233d. Title: **SB 472 - Attendance Ages** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 5/97	Modifies existing provisions of law to require execution of attendance contract between parent or guardian and school only in cases where student has reached threshold of 10 unexcused absences. Title: **SB 34 - Attendance Contract** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 5/97	Relates to compulsory school attendance and age; revises age at which students must begin school. Title: **SB 2022 - Compulsory School Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 5/97	Revises provisions regarding habitual truancy; revises definition of terms "habitual truant" and "dropout"; provides that child over age 16 must file formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment to be exempt from compulsory school attendance requirements; revises procedures relating to habitual truancy. Title: **HB 1309/SB 586 - Compulsory School Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Proposed 3/97	Raises mandatory school age to 17. Title: **SB 106 - Mandatory School Age** Source: Georgia Senate
IA	Proposed 4/97	Makes truancy by child who has reached age 12 and is under age 16 a delinquent act. Title: **HB 527 - Truancy and Delinquency** Source: *StateNet*

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IA	Proposed 4/97	Relates to drivers' license issuance and surrender when person is under age 18 and fails to attend school or possess high school diploma or equivalent. Title: **SB 288 - Driver's License Issues** Source: *StateNet*
IA	Enacted 5/97	Requires attendance cooperation meeting process prior to designating truant child who has not completed 6th grade; provides for truancy-related grant reduction sanction under Family Investment Program; provides for civil penalty for truancy. Title: **HB 597 - Attendance and Truancy** Source: Iowa Legislative Service Bureau
ID	Died 2/97	Relates to compulsory school attendance; provides that school attendance is compulsory until age 18. Title: **SB 1185 - Compulsory School Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 3/97	Amends Motor Vehicle Code and School Code. Beginning January 1, 1998, and continuing until January 1, 2003, provides, with certain exceptions, for cancellation of or refusal to issue driver's license to unmarried person under age 18 who has failed to maintain school attendance. Title: **SB 1085 - Driver's License and Compulsory School Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Enacted 7/97	Amends School Code. Adds provisions applicable in Chicago that supplement and operate independently of existing truancy laws. Requires principal of each attendance center to create five-member Truancy Board from representatives of local police, community service organizations, staff of attendance center, parents and students (in secondary attendance centers). Title: **HB 53 - Attendance and Truancy** Source: *StateNet*
KS	Enacted 5/97	Changes maximum boundary of compulsory age requirement to age 18 if student has not attained high school diploma or general educational development credential. Also, provides that if child is 16 or 17 years of age, parent or person acting as parent, by written consent, or court, pursuant to court order, may allow child to be exempt from compulsory attendance requirements. If child is 16 or 17 years of age, he or she shall be exempt from compulsory attendance requirements if (1) child is regularly enrolled in program recognized by local board of education as an approved alternative education program, or (2) child and parent or person acting as parent attend final counseling session conducted by school. During this session, a disclaimer to encourage child to remain in school or to pursue educational alternatives must be presented to and signed by child and parent or person acting as parent. Disclaimer shall include information regarding academic skills child has not yet achieved, difference in future earning power between high school graduate and high school dropout, and listing of educational alternatives available. Title: **SB 38 - Compulsory Attendance and Exemptions** Source: *StateNet*
MD	Enacted 5/97	Requires specified individuals to initiate certain investigations regarding truancy under certain circumstances; authorizes them to provide specified counseling and to notify Department of Juvenile Justice that students have been habitually truant; requires school officials to provide to local education agencies information on habitually truant students. Title: **HB 519 - Habitually Truant Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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MD	Enacted 4/97	Requires that, subject to certain exceptions, child shall attend public school in county where child lives with parent or guardian; authorizes county superintendent to allow nonresident child to attend school in that county; subjects child's parent or guardian to penalty if child fraudulently attends public school in county where child does not live with parent or guardian. Title: **HB 364 - Residency Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Proposed 4/97	Makes habitual truancy a crime. Title: **HB 1015 - Habitual Truancy** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Proposed 5/97	Provides that habitually truant student may not hold Department of Education, Committee of Education or any school office liable if student is illiterate; also requires secretary of state to suspend habitually truant students drivers' licenses or right to operate vehicle for six months. Title: **SB 386 - Habitually Truant Students** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Died 6/96	Increases compulsory school attendance to age 18. Title: **HB 5962 - Compulsory School Attendance Age** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 1/97	Increases compulsory age for school attendance to 18 years. Title: **HB 4054 - Compulsory School Age** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 4/97	Raises mandatory school attendance age to 18 years of age; revises fines for parents whose child does not attend school. Title: **SB 348 - Mandatory School Attendance Age** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Removes increase in age requirements for compulsory instruction. Title: **SB 1241 - Compulsory Age Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Prohibits issuance of driver's license to person under age 18 who fails to receive passing score on state's high school graduation test, and who has not graduated from or is attending secondary school; requires suspension of driver's license when person under age 18 withdraws from school, is dismissed from school or has been habitually truant. Title: **HB 446 - Issuance of a Driver's License** Source: *StateNet*
MO	Died 5/97	Requires compulsory school attendance until age 18. Title: **HB 240 - Compulsory School Attendance Age** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/96	Creates Department of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement under administration of state auditor; provides for system of enforcement, appointment of director; creates position of school attendance officer in each congressional district. (Defeated by committee) Title: **HB 696 - Enforcement of Compulsory School Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Died 4/97	Allows a child to leave school after completing 8th grade. Title: **HB 245 - Compulsory Attendance** Source: *StateNet*

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ND	Passed 3/97	Directs Legislative Council to study state's truancy laws and whether there are sufficient options and alternatives available to schools and school districts that have high incidences of truancy. Title: **HCR 3040 - Truancy Laws of the State** Source: *StateNet*
NH	Proposed 1/97	Changes age requirement for districts to provide public secondary education from 21 to 19 years of age; changes age requirements for providing special education from 3 to 21 years of age to 5 to 19 years of age; revises certain provisions relative to special education requirements; and changes amount of estimated per-pupil expenditures beyond which Department of Education is liable for cost of district borrowing. Title: **HB 784 - Age Requirement for Districts to Provide Public Education** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 6/96	Provides procedure for school board to raise compulsory school attendance from age 16 to 18. (From Senate Committee on Education) Title: **SB 1186 - Compulsory School Age** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 2/97	Permits court to require community service of juveniles with repeated unauthorized absences from school. Title: **AB 2744 - Community Service Requirements for Juveniles** Source: *StateNet*
NM	Enacted 4/97	Removes compulsory school attendance exemption for person judged to be unable to benefit from instruction because of learning disabilities or mental, physical or emotional conditions. Title: **SB 382 - Compulsory School Attendance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Proposed 1/97	Raises from age 16 to age 18 the age for compulsory full-time instruction. Title: **AB 1212 - Compulsory Attendance Age** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Requires school district to notify parents within three hours after appropriate administrator determines child is absent from school. Title: **AB 3261 and SB 334 - Notification to Parents of Absent Child** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Requires those school districts with average daily attendance of 85% or less to establish district committees on attendance composed of representatives of community-based agencies, educators, administrators and parents; makes related provisions regarding establishment of such committees. Title: **SB 3399 - District Committees on Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 2/97	Requires in each state school district that minors from ages 6 to 17, instead of 16, must attend full-time day instruction, unless minor already graduated from high school. Title: **AB 3903 - Compulsory Attendance Age** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 3/97	Relates to school residency; permits child to complete high school without payment of tuition if child's parents move from district after conclusion of child's junior year, provided district of attendance approves; adoption of policies by boards of education permitting school employees under supplemental contracts and not residing in district to pay reduced tuition amounts for their children to attend district schools. Title: **HB 57 - School Residency** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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OH	Proposed 4/97	Relates to school attendance; increases penalty that may be imposed upon parent, guardian or other person having care of child of compulsory age who fails to cause child to attend school. Title: **HB 367 - Compulsory Attendance Penalty**
OK	Enacted 5/96	Pupil who has been absent without excuse for five consecutive days shall be taken off school rolls; modifies state aid support levels for schools and formula for calculation of mid-term supplemental funding for schools. Requires State Education Department to develop, and all school districts to implement, student identification system to be used specifically for reporting enrollment data. Title: **HB 2055 - Absent Students Taken Off School Rolls; Student ID System** Source: *StateNet*
RI	Enacted 8/96	Permits police officers to prosecute violations of school attendance laws. Title: **SB 2628 - Prosecuting Violations of Attendance Laws** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Proposed 2/97	Lowers compulsory school attendance age from 17 to 16 for children who, in board's judgment, are detriment to good order and discipline; requires board to develop plan explaining opportunities to obtain General Equivalency Diploma and availability of adult basic education programs and area vocational technical centers before child may be temporarily excused. Title: **HB 901/SB 1026 - Compulsory School Attendance Age** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Enacted 5/97	Permits nonresident elementary or secondary student to attend school where parent teaches. Title: **HB 1848 - Attendance of Teachers' Children** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/97	Deletes requirement that any person other than parent or guardian having custody or control of school-age children shall cause such children to be enrolled in school. Title: **SB 777 - Responsibility for Enrollment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 3/97	Appropriates $100,000 to State Board of Education for distribution of grants to local districts. Money will be used to establish truancy support centers to deal with truant students and their families. Title: **HB 392 - Truancy Prevention** Source: Utah Education Association
VA	Enacted 3/96	Authorizes court to suspend, restrict or deny issuance of driver's license for students who have five unexcused absences from school in any one school year and against whom proceedings as child in need of supervision have been instituted. License suspensions and denials of issuance shall be no less than 120 days and no more than one year. Court may permit child to have restricted license. Title: **HB 230 - Truancy and Driver's Licenses** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/96	Requires compliance with compulsory school attendance laws for minor to be eligible to obtain driver's license unless commissioner finds hardship, in accordance with regulations. Title: **HB 1068 - School Attendance and Driver's Licenses** Source: *StateNet*

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VA	Enacted 4/96	Reduces number of unexplained consecutive absences from five to three for child to be reported to attendance officer. Requires child be reported if his or her unexplained absences total five school days per month or aggregate of 10 days per semester. Increases penalties to Class 3 misdemeanor from Class 4 for (1) inducing child to be absent, (2) violating compulsory school attendance laws and (3) permitting child to be habitually absent from school . Title: **HB 375 - Reporting of Truancy** Source: *StateNet*
VT	Proposed 2/97	Requires child to be 6 years old on or before August 15 prior to starting grade school. Title: **HB 512 - School Age Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Enacted 4/96	Reduces number of unexplained consecutive absences from five to three for child to be reported to attendance officer. Child also must be reported if his or her unexplained absences total five school days per month or aggregate of 10 days per semester. Title: **SB 324 - Reporting Unexplained Consecutive Absences** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 2/97	Requires compliance with school attendance laws as condition for privilege of driving. Title: **SB 5707 - Driver's License** Source: *StateNet*
WI	Proposed 1/97	Relates to ordinances that prohibit truancy and habitual truancy; authorizes suspension of operating privilege of person under 18 years of age if he or she drops out of school. Title: **SB 26/AB 67 - Truancy and Suspension of Operating Privilege** Source: *StateNet*
WI	Proposed 2/97	Relates to compulsory school attendance and penalties for contributing to truancy. Title: **AB 45 - Compulsory School Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
WV	Proposed 3/97	Requires students to attend school and maintain minimum grade-point average to avoid driver's license suspension. Title: **HB 2860 - Suspension of Driver's License** Source: *StateNet*
BILINGUAL EDUCATION		
CA	Proposed 6/97	Substitutes term "English learner" for "limited-English-proficient pupils" in existing law that states legislature's intent that commission implement assessment system to certify teachers who have essential skills and knowledge necessary to meet needs of limited-English-proficient pupils. Title: **AB 860 - Alternative Models for Comprehensive Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 7/97	Repeals existing Bilingual-Bicultural Education Act of 1976 (currently inoperative) and establishes new program of instruction services for English learners. Title: **AB 36/SB 6 - English Learners Program** Source: California Association of School Administrators

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CT	Died 6/97	Requires local/regional boards to monitor achievement of eligible children in English and other academic areas; provides after-school programs for students exiting bilingual education programs; requires state board to provide summer training opportunities for teachers in Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport in second-language acquisition and teaching English as a Second Language. Title: **HB 6911 - Bilingual Education Programs** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Proposed 6/97	Encourages expansion of English as a Second Language (ESL) Program and teaching of foreign languages in Delaware's public schools. Title: **HCR 15 - Expansion of ESL Program and Introduction of Foreign Languages** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Proposed 3/97	Relates to competencies and core curriculum, so as to prohibit teaching of Ebonics. Title: **SB 51 - Core Curriculum and its Competencies** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Passed 4/96	Concerns rules governing bilingual education; includes requirements for parental consent to enroll limited-English-proficient students in bilingual education programs. Title: **NJAC 6:31 - Bilingual Education** Source: *StateNet*
OK	Enacted 4/97	Prohibits recognition of Ebonics as language art and its teaching as course or class for which student receives credit or is counted toward graduation. Title: **HB 1810 - Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 2/97	Provides that teaching of Ebonics, otherwise referred as "Black English," is prohibited in public elementary and secondary schools and state-supported institutions of higher learning, including technical colleges. Title: **HB 3145 - Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
CAREER EDUCATION/PLANNING (see WORKFORCE PREPARATION)		
CHARTER SCHOOLS (also see CHOICE)		
AK	Proposed 4/97	Relates to establishment and operation of charter schools. Title: **HB 229 - Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
AK	Enacted 7/97	Prohibits state from paying housing expenses for charter schools, although it allows charters to do so with funds from other sources. Also establishes state boarding schools with domiciliary services. Title: **HB 147 - Facilities for Charter Schools** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
AL	Died 5/97	Authorizes creation of charter schools and provides for the purpose of such schools, proposals, sponsorships and contracts; limits number of charter schools and permits certain institutions of higher education to establish charter schools. Title: **HB 920 - Creation of Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*

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AZ	Enacted 3/97	Relates to omnibus reconciliation bill regarding education, adjusts charter schools wording and transport support level, increases base school support level, increases Group B (handicapped, etc.) student aid, adds aid to charter schools for construction, doubles cap on administrative expenses from School Capital Equity Fund, continues to defer state aid deduction for Bureau of Indian Affairs charter school funding, cuts transportation support level requirement. Title: **SB 1004 - Omnibus Reconciliation Bill Regarding Education** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 9/96	Requires legislative analyst (LA) to contract for interim evaluation of effectiveness of charter school approach and, on or before November 1, 1997, to report to legislature and governor. Requires LA to convene advisory panel to assist office in interim evaluation. Appropriates $146,000 to superintendent of public instruction for interagency transfer to LA's office to pay for evaluation contract. Title: **AB 2135 - Charter School Evaluation** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 9/96	Creates Charter School Revolving Loan Fund in state treasury to loan money to school districts for charter schools that are not conversion of existing school; provides funds be comprised of federal and other monies appropriated or transferred to charter fund. Requires charter for charter school specify procedures school is to follow to resolve disputes relating to charter provisions. Title: **AB 3384 - Charter School Revolving Loan Fund** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 5/97	Provides that charter may be granted to establish charter school for period not to exceed 15 years, provided that charter-granting authority review charter school once every five years in a manner agreed upon by charter petitioners and authority that granted the charter. Provides that each charter renewal shall be for period not to exceed 15 years. Title: **SB 221 - Establishment and Review of Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 5/97	Raises limit on number of charter schools that may be established to 300 in the state; 30 in any school district with 600,000 or fewer pupils, and to 42 in district with more than 600,000 pupils. Title: **SB 222 - Charter Schools Cap** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 4/97	Permits petition for establishment of charter school to be submitted to governing board of school district for review if not less than 10% of parents, guardians or caregivers of pupils enrolled in school district, or not less than 50% of parents, guardians or caregivers of students enrolled in any one school, sign a petition. Does not apply to petition to convert any existing school to charter school. Title: **SB 223 - Establishment of Charter Schools by Petition** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 2/97	Allows public universities and colleges to sponsor charter schools. Title: **SB 224 - Charter Schools Sponsorship** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CO	Enacted 4/97	Makes several minor revisions to Charter Schools Act — allows charter school to organize as not-for-profit corporation and provides that approved charter application must serve as basis for contract between charter school and local board of education. In addition, new charter schools may be approved for at least three years, but not more than five years. Charter may be renewed for period not to exceed five years. Also, charter school governing body must submit renewal applications to local board of education no later than December 1 prior to year in which charter expires. Title: **SB 18 - Revisions to Charter Schools Act** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff

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CO	Died 4/97	Establishes grant program to help school districts fund charter schools. School districts would be eligible to seek grant if district negotiated in good faith with charter school with regard to funding and if that negotiation resulted in funding contract that *exceeded* 80% of school district per-pupil operating revenues (PPOR) multiplied by number of pupils enrolled in charter school. Current law requires charter school funding be at least 80% of district's PPOR multiplied by number of pupils enrolled in charter school. Title: **HB 1030 - Grant Program to Help School Districts Fund Charter Schools** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
CO	Vetoed 6/97	Increases minimum funding for charter school to 95% of school district's per-pupil revenue. Title: **HB 1210 - Charter School Finance** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
CT	Died 6/97	Allows employers or groups of employers to establish charter schools for employees' children. Title: **SB 476 - Charter Schools for Children of Employees** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Enacted 6/97	Changes in charter school legislation: (1) Total population cap of 1,000 charter school students was lifted. (2) Although 24-school cap remains in place, removes distinctions between local and state charter schools and limits on number of charters in Congressional and school districts. (3) Charter school application must now describe student admission criteria and procedures to promote diverse student body. State Board of Education must give preference to charter school applications in district in which 75% or more of enrolled students are members of racial or ethnic minorities. Title: **HB 6890 - Charter School Revisions** Source: Connecticut Office of Legislative Research
FL	Proposed 5/97	Authorizes waiver of initial startup requirements for charter schools; revises appeal procedures in cases of denial of application; provides contract requirements; revises charter provisions, annual progress report requirements, provisions regarding disbursement of funds to charter schools; provides for use of facilities and property, and rules. Title: **HB 539 - Charter School Revisions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Proposed 3/97	Alters petition requirements and renewal process and provides for new charter school requirements. Title: **HB 353 - Charter School Revisions** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
GA	Proposed 3/97	Creates pilot project special schools which can become charters. Outlines alterations to charter procedures. Title: **HB 354 - Charter School Revisions** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
GA	Proposed 3/97	Alters petition process for charter schools. Title: **SB 70 - Charter School Revisions** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
HI	Proposed 1/97	Establishes charter school advisory committee, appointed by board of education, to review charter proposals and assure they comply with state education performance standards. Title: **SB 273 - Charter School Revisions** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

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IL	Passed 4/96	Enables charter school applicants to submit applications to local boards of education at any time. States that local boards may be ready to forward proposed charter school contracts to state board in near future, and requires board to establish uniform manner of submission. Establishes that submission method all must follow is only way to ensure fairness and timely review in keeping with law's provisions. Title: **23 IAC 650.10 to 650.50 - Charter School Revisions** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 3/97	Replaces provision in charter schools law requiring charter school employees to have separate bargaining unit with provision that those employees may form new bargaining unit or remain part of existing bargaining unit of employees of district in which charter school is located. Title: **HB 559 - Charter School Employees' Bargaining Unit** Source: *StateNet*
IN	Died 1/97	Allows local school board to establish charter schools as public schools within school corporation that it governs. Limits number of charter schools to 60, gives priority to those that serve at-risk students and requires 16 charter schools be designed to increase educational opportunities for at-risk students. Title: **HB 2024 - Public Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
KS	Proposed 3/97	Allows establishment of state charter schools (Kansas charter school statutes only allow for local district charter schools). Title: **SB 160 - State Charter Schools** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
LA	Proposed 6/97	Eliminates pilot nature of authority to operate charter schools and revises limitation on number of charters which may be granted (from eight to 20 for 1997-98 charter proposal period and 42 after June 1, 1999). Also revises funding formulas and establishes no-interest loan program for charter school start-up costs (up to $100,000 per school). Finally, outlines specific list of provisions for which charter cannot receive waiver. Title: **SB 826/HB 2065 - Charter School Revisions** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
MA	Passed 5/96	Provides for establishment, operation and oversight of charter schools. Title: **601 CMR 1.00 - Procedures for the Establishment of Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Enacted 7/97	Increases cap from 25 to 50 charter schools, adds 12 new schools and 13 conversion (Horace Mann) schools. New schools will receive same amount of per-pupil operating revenue as other public schools. Horace Mann schools will be authorized by local school committees and unions as well as State Board of Education. Title: **SB 1849 - Charter School Revisions** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
ME	Proposed 6/97	Establishes public charter schools. Title: **HB 792 - Charter Schools** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
ME	Enacted 6/97	Establishes committee to study development of charter school initiative, which will meet four times between September and December 1997 and file report next session. Title: **SB 498 - Charter School Study Committee** Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

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MI	Proposed 5/97	Provides for state board authority to revoke chartering agency's ability to grant charters under certain circumstances; requires certain information concerning oversight by chartering agency. Title: **HB 4395 - State Board Authority and Oversight Reporting** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Enacted 6/97	Removes cap of 40 charter schools; makes available $50,000 start-up grants for charters, with separate grants available to help repair facilities; allows private colleges to serve as sponsors. Title: **HB 1 and SB 1 - Charter Schools Cap, Grants and Sponsors** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Died 5/97	Makes changes to school laws, permitting the creation of charter schools, revising the way school funds are allocated, and specifying school district's fiscal and academic responsibilities. Title: **HB 662 - Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Enacted 4/97	Allows for the conversion of six public schools to charter status. Highlights include: the program is considered on a pilot basis for up to six local schools throughout the state; charters are granted for four years; employees of a charter school are considered employees of the school district in which the charter is located; the Act is automatically repealed from and after July 1, 2001; the petition must be approved by the local school district and submitted and approved by the State Board of Education. Title: **HB 1672 - Public Schools Conversion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 7/97	Authorizes the formation of charter schools for a certain period. Prescribes the process by which an application to form a charter school is submitted and approved. Restricts the number of charter schools that may be formed in one county and in the state. Title: **SB 220 - Establishment of Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OR	Died 2/97	Allows charter school to be established. Provides procedure for establishing charter school within sponsoring school district or through State Board of Education. Allows for funding of charter schools from State School Fund. Exempts charter schools from certain laws unless specified in charter. Title: **SB 451 - Establishment of Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
OR	Died 3/97	Allows public charter schools to be established; provides procedures for establishing charter schools with approval of school district board, and board of education; creates Charter School Grant and Loan Program; appropriates money. Title: **HB 3012 - Establishment of Public Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
PA	Proposed 5/97	Establishes charter schools. Provides for powers and duties of secretary of education. Establishes State Charter School Appeal Board. Provides for payments to charter schools. Requires certain reports and recommendations. Title: **SB 999 - Establishment of Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
RI	Proposed 5/97	Includes school districts in collaboration with established Rhode Island nonprofit organizations in list of entities which may establish and maintain public charter school according to terms of charter. Title: **SB 620 - Establishment of Public Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*

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TN	Proposed 2/97	Authorizes local boards of education to establish charter schools or charter school pilot programs. Title: **HB 1654 and SB 1744 - Establishment of Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Died 2/97	Authorizes establishment of charter schools; provides that after local school board adopts resolution stating intention to receive applications for charter schools, individuals or organizations may initiate charter application process by submitting proposed charter agreement to local school board. Title: **HB 1751- Establishment of Charter School** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Died 11/96	Initiative 177 authorizes creation of renewed school districts where nonprofit organizations may operate publicly funded independent public schools with parental choice and revised state regulations (defeated by voters in November 1996 elections). Title: **V2 - Charter Schools Operation** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 3/97	Authorizes establishment of charter schools for purpose of providing unique setting for learning that will improve pupil achievement and provide additional public school choices for students, parents and teachers. Title: **SB 7901 - Establishment of Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
CHILD ABUSE/PROTECTION		
OR	Died 3/97	Requires public or private schools and preschools to provide child abuse prevention training to children. Directs Department of Education to develop curriculum and training materials; directs department to offer instructor training; allocates monies from Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to Department of Education for operation of Child Assault Prevention Project programs and for child abuse prevention curriculum and training. Title: **HB 3111 - Child Abuse Prevention Training** Source: *StateNet*
CHOICE (also see CHARTER SCHOOLS and VOUCHERS/TAX CREDITS)		
CT	Died 6/97	Permits establishment of interdistrict choice programs and private school choice programs. Title: **HB 5170 - Interdistrict and Private School Choice Programs** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Enacted 6/97	Establishes statewide interdistrict public school choice program to improve academic achievement, reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation or preserve racial and ethnic balance, and provide students with choice of education programs. Title: **HB 6890 - Public School Choice Program** Source: Connecticut Office of Legislative Research
FL	Died 5/97	Requires school districts with controlled open enrollment program to afford unrestricted access to parents of students in multiple-session schools. Title: **SB 1542 - Open Enrollment** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Enacted 5/96	Requires community colleges and state universities to delineate courses and programs, establish criteria, and designate individual to administer program of acceleration for secondary students dually enrolled in home-education programs and postsecondary courses. Title: **SB 186 - Postsecondary Enrollment (Dual Enrollment)** Source: *StateNet*

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FL	Died 3/97	Creates the Parental Choice in Education Act; provides for admission to participating schools; requires agreements with district school boards; provides for value of certificates and eligibility of low-income students; provides for Choice Information Centers and for personal education finance accounts; authorizes transportation service. Title: **SB 194 - Parental Choice in Education Act** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Proposed 3/97	Permits student to apply for admission at school within system in which student does not reside, provided it does not affect desegregation of either system. Title: **HB 121 - Open Enrollment** Source: Georgia Senate
IL	Proposed 3/97	Creates Educational Choice Act to authorize State Board of Education to establish pilot educational choice program in three school districts to enable parents to select schools they believe will provide quality education for their children. Title: **SB 565 - Pilot Educational Choice Program** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 2/97	Expands Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act to include nonpublic-school students; requires state payment of charges. Title: **SB 222 - Postsecondary Enrollment Options for Nonpublic-School Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Extends Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act to include nonpublic-school students. Title: **SB 1512 - Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 5/97	Provides that high school students enrolled in postsecondary courses may participate in high school activities; excludes grades earned in postsecondary course from pupil's grade-point average and class rank in secondary school. Title: **HB 2214 and SB 1958 - Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Enacted 6/97	Makes nonpublic school students eligible for Postsecondary Enrollment Options program. Title: **HB 1 and SB 1 - Choice** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Proposed 4/97	Allows students who live in one local school administrative unit to attend public schools in another local school administrative unit free of charge. Title: **HB 969 - Choice of Attending Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
NH	Died 3/97	Establishes Open Enrollment Act which allows high school pupils to attend public secondary school of their choice within state of New Hampshire. Title: **HB 661 - Open Enrollment** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Died 11/96	Permits students attending nonpublic nonchartered schools to enroll in college courses under Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program. Title: **HB 816 and HB 109 - Dual Enrollment** Source: *StateNet*

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OK	Proposed 2/97	Creates Education Choice Act; provides for transfer of students. Title: **HB 2004 - Choice** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 1/97	Enacts Parental Choice in Education Act authorizing student to attend public or private school in district other than one in which student resides under certain restrictions, conditions and limitations. Title: **SB 103 - Parental Choice in Education Act** Source: *StateNet*
SD	Enacted 3/97	Relates to providing for statewide limited open enrollment of students in public school districts in which they do not reside. Title: **HB 1075 - Statewide Limited Open Enrollment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Proposed 2/97	Enables students in grades 9-12 to attend any Vermont public or independent school which meets public school standards. Title: **SB 80 - Choice of School for High School Students** Source: *StateNet*
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (also see TEACHER COMPENSATION and TEACHER CONTRACTS)		
AK	Enacted 5/96	Relates to employment of teachers and school administrators and to public school collective bargaining. Title: **HB 465 - Collective Bargaining** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Prohibits issues of class size, preparation time, and length of staff meetings and work day from being subjects of collective bargaining process. Title: **SB 381 - Collective Bargaining** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Increases amount of time students spend in school and exempts length of student school year from collective bargaining. Title: **HB 5184 - Collective Bargaining and School Year/School Day** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Requires school districts to certify money is available to cover term of any collective bargaining agreement. Title: **HB 183 - Collective Bargaining**
OH	Enacted 3/97	Permits school board to enter into administrative contracts with nonlicensed employees who are considered supervisory or management-level employees for collective bargaining purposes. Title: **HB 56 - Collective Bargaining Provisions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (also see PARENT/FAMILY)		
NV	Died 7/97	Requires board of trustees of school districts to establish program of community partnership schools, authorizes individual public schools to participate in this program, creates trust fund for community partnership schools, provides partial exemption from business tax for businesses that employ certain persons who participate in school council for program of community partnership schools. Title: **SB 352 - Community Partnership Schools** Source: *StateNet*

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COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEERISM		
AR	Passed 4/96	Establishes requirements for Arkansas Service Learning Program. Title: **Rules and Regulations Governing the Service Learning Program** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 7/97	Requires governing boards of school districts maintaining grades 9-12 to offer pupils opportunity to receive credit towards satisfying elective requirement for graduation by performing, at specified entities, community service. Title: **AB 189 - Community Service Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CT	Died 6/97	Provides incentive to college students to contribute time to disadvantaged schools and thus increase instructional assistance available to such schools. Title: **HB 5008 - Incentives to Postsecondary Students** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 4/97	Authorizes school districts to require 100 hours of community service education for high school graduation. Provides for exceptions and components of high school community service education programs. Title: **SB 1142/HB 987 - Community Service Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 3/97	Amends School Code and Illinois Income Tax Act. Requires high school students who enter 9th grade during 1996-97 or any subsequent school year, upon thereafter attaining 16 years of age, to serve six months of community service in Youth Civil Service Corps program as prerequisite to graduating from high school. Title: **HB 54 - Community Service** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 1/97	Requires high school students to perform community service to receive diploma; eliminates certain requirements for school districts and State Board of Education related to community service education and programs. Title: **HB 136 - Community Service**
OR	Died 3/97	Directs school district boards to develop course to instruct high school students on life-management skills; directs boards to develop community service program for high school students; makes completion of course and program graduation requirement; applies to students graduating on or after January 1, 1999. Title: **SB 705 - Community Service Program** Source: *StateNet*
CURRICULUM (also see ASSESSMENT/TESTING, BILINGUAL EDUCATION, HEALTH, INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS, INSTRUCTION METHODS, SECONDARY EDUCATION and STANDARDS)		
AK	Proposed 5/97	Requires phonics be taught in grades K-3 in public school system. Title: **SB 203 - Teaching of Phonics in Public Elementary Schools** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Enacted 3/97	Requires Department of Education to establish clearinghouse for information on character and citizenship education, to circulate information about it and provide progress reports on implementation. Title: **HB 1509 - Character and Citizenship Education** Source: *StateNet*

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AR	Enacted 3/97	Requires General Education Division to gather and distribute instructional materials for teaching African-American history and training in racial and ethnic awareness in grades K-12. Title: **SB 307 - Teaching of Multicultural Awareness** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Died 3/97	Requires schools to dedicate 80% of class time to academic core curriculum classes. Title: **SB 740 - Core Curriculum Classes** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Enacted 3/97	Includes middle schools and junior highs in Advanced Placement incentive programs and awards schools $50 for each student who scores three or better on Advanced Placement tests. Title: **SB 475 - Advanced Placement Incentive Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Enacted 9/96	Requires Commission on Teacher Credentialing to develop, adopt and administer reading instruction competence assessment to measure individual's knowledge, skill and ability relative to effective reading instruction. Requires commission to perform certain duties with respect to assessment, including, among other duties, developing and administering assessment and periodically analyzing assessment content. Title: **AB 1178 - Reading Instruction Competency Assessment** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 9/96	Students must learn and be taught Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, including Bill of Rights, Federalist Papers, Emancipation Proclamation, Gettysburg Address and George Washington's farewell address. Title: **AB 3086 - Teaching History and Civil Government** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 7/96	Enacts Teacher Reading Instruction Development Program, which would ensure each certified teacher of pupils enrolled in grades K-3 possess knowledge and skills to effectively teach pupils to read. Enacts Comprehensive Reading Leadership Program, which would encourage members of governing boards of school districts and teachers to implement comprehensive reading program for grades K-3. Title: **AB 3482 - Teacher Reading Instruction Development Program** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 9/96	States legislature's recognition of importance of home economics careers and technology to state's welfare and economic stability, and declares legislature's intent to provide comprehensive home economics careers and technology vocational education program within public school system. Creates within State Department of Education a Home Economics Careers and Technology Vocational Education Unit. Title: **SB 1454 - Home Economics Careers and Technology Vocational Educational Unit** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 7/97	Authorizes system of incentives to encourage high schools to offer intensive, rigorous course of instruction leading to International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and to encourage pupils in these schools to enroll in, attempt and pass IB course of study and examinations leading to IB Diploma. Title: **AB 248 - Instruction Methods Leading to IB Diploma** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 8/97	Enacts Teacher Mathematics Instruction Development Program, which would ensure that each certificated teacher of pupils enrolled in grades 4-8 possess knowledge and skills to effectively teach mathematics to pupils. Title: **AB 1331 - Teacher Mathematics Instruction Development Program** Source: *StateNet*

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CO	Died 3/97	Requires that, in teaching history and civil government of the United States, all students must be taught at minimum, and in a light most favorable to the documents' authors: Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, including Bill of Rights and subsequent amendments, Federalist Papers and Anti-Federalist Papers, Gettysburg Address and George Washington's farewell address. Title: **SB 19 - Teaching of History and Civil Government** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
CT	Died 6/97	Makes public school curricula more oriented toward types of jobs and positions available in state's economic and business climate. Title: **HB 5344 - Workforce Preparation-Oriented Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Enacted 5/97	Encourages local and regional board of education to include multicultural education and awareness as part of public school instruction program and inservice training programs for teachers. Title: **HB 5006 - Multicultural Education** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Expands parenting education program to include unmarried parents. Title: **HB 5138 - Parenting Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Enacted 5/97	Encourages local and regional boards of education to include study of Irish famine in program of instruction and inservice training programs. Title: **SB 81 - Irish Famine** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Expands types of programs eligible for funding under priority school district grant program; requires students in priority school districts to be able to read prior to promotion to 3rd grade; requires State Board of Education to develop standard of reading competency for 2nd graders in priority school districts; requires boards for such school districts to provide summer school reading programs for needy students. Title: **SB 1199 - Reading Competency**
CT	Died 6/97	Specifies which subject areas must be offered every year in grades K-12, taught every year to all pupils in grades K-12, and offered over the course of grades K-12 , including language specifying that one or more foreign languages and applied education must be offered annually in grades 7-12; defines components of applied education, arts, health and safety, language arts, science and social studies. Title: **SB 1072 - Curriculum for K-12** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Proposed 6/97	Encourages expansion of English as Second Language (ESL) Program and teaching of foreign languages in Delaware's public schools. Title: **HCR 15 - Expansion of ESL Program and Introduction of Foreign Languages** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Proposed 3/97	Relates to competencies and core curriculum, so as to prohibit teaching of Ebonics. Title: **SB 51 - Core Curriculum and its Competencies** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Passed 3/97	Urges each local board of education to implement course of study in driver's education. Title: **SR 312 - Driver's Education** Source: *StateNet*

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GA	Enacted 3/97	Requires education superintendent to prepare program of instruction regarding display of U.S. flag. Such instruction to be approved by State Board of Education, to be suitable for various grade levels, but include as minimum the provisions of U.S. Code related to proper flag display (36 U.S.C. Sections 170-177). Title: **HB 214 - Proper Flag Display** Source: Georgia Senate
GA	Enacted 3/97	Enacts a program of character education aimed at instilling values in our school children. House Bill 393 charges the State Department of Education with developing a comprehensive character curriculum for K-12. The curriculum will focus on the development of the following traits: courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others, kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence, generosity, punctuality, cleanliness, cheerfulness, school pride, respect for the environment, respect for the creator, patience, creativity, sportsmanship, loyalty, perseverance, and virtue. House Bill 393 includes a severability clause, stating that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, other parts of the Act will remain in full force. Title: **HB 393 - Character Education Curriculum** Source: Georgia Senate
HI	Proposed 3/97	Requests Board of Education and Department of Education to consider shifting portion of foreign language education resources from high school to elementary school level. Title: **HR 78/SR 67 - Foreign Language Educational Resources** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 2/97	Requests implementation of multicultural curriculum, affirmative action and civil rights programs and policies in the state. Title: **SCR 48 - Multicultural Curriculum/Affirmative Action/Civil Rights** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Died 2/97	Ensures Board of Education provides for testing of students for specific learning disorders, including dyslexia, and provides remediation for students determined to have those learning disorders. Title: **HB 1909 - Testing for Learning Disorder** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 2/97	Makes appropriation to Department of Education for supplies to provide school opportunity to conceive, design and implement innovative, substantive arts education programs, such as arts-based curriculum, discipline-based art education and collaboration with professional artists. Title: **SB 746 - Arts Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
IA	Proposed 4/97	Relates to abstinence education programs; includes establishment of abstinence education pilot program. Title: **HB 691 - Abstinence Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
IA	Proposed 4/97	Establishes abstinence education pilot program. Title: **HB 423 - Abstinence Education Pilot Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Enacted 8/96	Requires schoolchildren to present proof of having had requisite health examination or immunization. Deletes requirement of health education courses. Title: **HB 2664 - Proof of Health Examination and Immunization** Source: *StateNet*

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IL	Enacted 6/96	Amends School Code to allow public school teachers and administrators to use, read from or post historically significant documents, writings and records. Prohibits content-based censorship of American history or heritage based on any religious references contained in such documents, writings or records. Title: **SB 366 - Allows Use of Historically Significant Information** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 4/97	Amends to require all public schools to include unit of instruction on Irish Famine. Authorizes state education superintendent to develop and make guideline instructional materials available to school districts. Provides that each school board itself determine minimum amount of instruction time that qualifies as unit of instruction. Title: **HB 82 - Inclusion of History (Irish Famine) in the Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
KS	Died 5/97	Directs State Board of Education to define components of essential core curriculum offered to elementary and secondary public school students, regardless of school size and location; determines probable costs of providing curriculum; makes report to Education Committees of Senate and House of Representatives. Title: **HCR 5021 - Components of Essential Core Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
KS	Proposed 2/97	Concerns schools accredited by state board; relates to provision of abstinence education and providing for grants to assist schools in providing such education. Title: **HB 2386 - Abstinence Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Passed 6/96	Expresses legislative intent for including local and regional history in school curricula, encourages boards not already undertaking such programs to do so, and requests flexibility by Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in such matters. Title: **HCR 91- Legislative Intention for Including Local and Regional History Programs in School Curricula** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Died 6/97	Requires mastery of grade-appropriate reading skills for advancement from 3rd to 4th grade in public schools. Title: **HB 1186 - Reading Skills for Advancement from 3rd to 4th Grade** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Enacted 6/97	Requires implementation of reading programs at each public elementary school to teach students to read at grade level by end of 1st grade and provides for certain reports. Title: **HB 2444 - Implementation of Reading Programs** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Proposed 6/97	Appropriates $30 million to significantly enhance reading and math programs/support for K-3 students. Title: **HB 2233 - K-3 Reading and Math Programs** Source: Louisiana Governor's Office of Education
MA	Died 7/96	Establishes comprehensive health education program in all public school districts in commonwealth. Title: **HB 6102 - Comprehensive Health Education Program (new draft for HB 5102)** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 7/97	Requires that physical education be taught in commonwealth's public schools. Title: **HB 1883 - Physical Education in Schools with HB 4600** Source: *StateNet*

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MD	Died 4/97	Acknowledges tragedy of Irish famine and suffering of Irish People; honors memory of over one million people that died between 1845 and 1850; urges study of Great Famine, its causes and effects, be made part of the primary and secondary education. Title: **SJR 17 - Teaching of Irish Famine** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Enacted 6/97	Encourages art education in state. Title: **HB 29 - Encouragement of Art Education** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Proposed 5/97	Prohibits state from dictating education curricula. Title: **HB 627 - Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Proposed 5/97	Requires Department of Education to develop framework for study of social studies in public schools. Title: **SB 304 - Study of Social Studies in Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 2/97	Includes parenting education in recommended model core curriculum. Title: **HB 4270 - Parenting Education in Core Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 4/97	Creates 3rd-grade guarantee program. Title: **HB 4443 - 3rd-Grade Guarantee Program** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 3/97	Requires mandatory core curriculum. Title: **SB 275 - Mandatory Core Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 3/97	Provides eligibility for incentive payment for school districts that adopt recommended core curriculum standards. Title: **HB 4244 - School District Incentives** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Proposed 2/97	Recognizes American Sign Language as fully developed, autonomous language and accords it equal status with other linguistic systems in state's public and higher education system. Authorizes use of credit for sign language courses in meeting world language requirements in public elementary schools or higher education institutions. Title: **HB 280 - Sign Language Courses** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 2/97	Pertains to education; requires health and physical education instruction, including health education in teacher preparation programs. Title: **HB 519 - Instruction of Health and Physical Education** Source: *StateNet*
MO	Died 5/97	Provides for public school sex education to emphasize abstinence. Title: **SB 126 - Sex Education** Source: *StateNet*

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MO	Vetoed 7/96	Encourages high schools to offer college-level courses that give students opportunity to take nationally recognized standardized exams that can lead to college credit. Beginning in 1998, students whose performance on two such exams meets or exceeds qualifying levels will be eligible for renewable scholarship of $500 at state institutions of higher education. Students who successfully complete three or more exams will be eligible for renewable $1,000 scholarship. Title: **HB 1113 - High School Superior Academic Achievement Scholarships** Source: House Research Staff — Missouri House of Representatives
MO	Died 5/97	Places savings realized from winding-down of desegregation lawsuits into new fund that rewards children who pass literacy tests. Currently, such savings go to state school monies fund. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education required to develop literacy tests for 3rd, 8th and 12th-grade levels; schools and libraries may apply to become approved test administration sites. Title: **HB 882 - Literacy Tests** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 1/97	Requires school boards to require pupils to read minimum of four books per school year; authorizes Department of Education to develop and issue guidelines. Title: **SB 2035 - Necessitation of Minimum of Four Books To Be Read Per Pupil Per Year** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 4/97	Prescribes character traits to be developed by comprehensive K-12 program; requires local school districts to create and implement program. Title: **SB 2089 - Character Traits Development Programs** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Requires program for character education in school curriculum. Title: **SB 2170 - Character Education** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Provides for teaching of abstinence as birth control method in comprehensive school health education program. Title: **HB 318 - Abstinence Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 2/97	Establishes abstinence and Teen Pregnancy Pilot Program to be taught in schools. Title: **HB 1527 - Abstinence Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Died 6/96	Directs State Board of Education to develop plan to improve reading in public schools and to revise standard course of study. Directs board to collaborate with public and private colleges to evaluate and revise teacher certification and education programs. Encourages local boards to review and revise policies, curricula and professional development programs. Title: **SB 1473 - Development of Plan To Improve Reading in Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Proposed 4/97	Requires that students master basics at one grade level before being promoted to next; directs State Board of Education to establish individual student performance benchmarks in reading, writing and mathematics for students in grades 4 and 8; provides that students who do not pass benchmarks at grades 4 and 8 may not be promoted. Title: **SB 19 - Reading, Writing and Mathematics Benchmarks** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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NC	Proposed 3/97	Provides incentives that will encourage high school students to take Advanced Placement and college-level courses while in high school; encourages University of North Carolina, community colleges and public schools to make those courses available to students; encourages students to take first two years of courses at community colleges and appropriates funds to finance these incentives. Title: **SB 415 - Advanced Placement Courses** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Enacted 8/97	Ensures public school students receive instruction on American heritage. Authorizes local boards of education to encourage public school administrators and teachers to read or post documents and writings regarding American history or heritage. Prohibits content-based censorship of American history or heritage based on religious or other references in such writings. Title: **SB 442 - American Heritage Instruction** Source: *StateNet*
ND	Died 1/97	Directs Legislative Council to study process by which curriculum, including core and supplemental materials and content, is developed and approved for use in state's elementary and secondary schools. Title: **HCR 3009 - Curriculum Development and Approval for Use** Source: *StateNet*
ND	Enacted 3/97	Relates to American sign language as elective at high school and postsecondary levels. Title: **HB 1169 - American Sign Language as an Elective** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 4/97	Establishes Reading Recovery Training Program in Department of Education to provide training to eligible 1st-grade teachers. Title: **HB 229 - Reading Recovery Training Program** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 3/97	Requires public school sex education and AIDS education programs to promote abstinence. Title: **SB 1924 - Abstinence Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Enacted 9/96	Establishes Arts Create Excellent Schools (ACES) program in Department of Education. Title: **AB 1739 - ACES Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Enacted 4/97	Requires public schools to offer sign language as elective. Title: **SB 688 - Sign Language as Elective** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Vetoed 2/97	Requires students to read one book a week and write theme paper about each book. Title: **SB 773 - Read One Book A Week Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Proposed 7/97	Enacts Literacy Restoration Act of 1997 which requires English be taught by direct, systematic, intensive phonetic method. Title: **AB 1961 - Literacy Restoration Act of 1997** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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NY	Proposed 1/97	Authorizes excusing pupil from such courses of study relating to societal concerns, social awareness, personal relations and interactions or living arrangements, which conflict with religion of pupil's parents or guardian. Title: **AB 155 - Excusing Students from Studying Courses Related to Societal Concerns** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 4/97	Establishes Advanced Placement Examination Fee Payment Program to ensure no student in New York State secondary schools is deprived opportunity to participate in College Board's Advanced Placement Program because of cost; appropriates such amount to State Education Department to cover costs of Reduced Fee Payment Program for Economically Disadvantaged Students. Title: **AB 3587 and SB 4569 - Advanced Placement Program** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Requires every high school to include in graduation requirements one-half unit in economics emphasizing personal finance and consumer credit. Title: **HB 175 - Economics in Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Establishes grants for character education. Title: **HB 184 - Character Education**
OH	Proposed 3/97	Requires public school venereal disease education to emphasize abstinence from sexual activity. Title: **HB 189 - Abstinence Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Proposed 4/97	Relates to teaching Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Ordinance of 1787 in elementary and secondary schools. Title: **HB 373 - History Curriculum**
OK	Enacted 4/97	Prohibits recognition of Ebonics as language arts and its teaching as course or class for which student receives credit or is counted toward graduation. Title: **HB 1810 - Language Arts Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
OK	Enacted 6/97	Beginning with 1998-99 school year, requires schools to assess reading skills of all 1st and 2nd graders by multiple ongoing assessments. Any student found not to be reading at grade level will be given reading assessment plan designed to enable him or her to acquire appropriate grade-level reading skill. Students on individual education plan, who have limited English proficiency or for whom English is a second language are excepted. Title: **HB 2017 - Reading Assessment** Source: Session Highlights — Oklahoma House of Representatives
OR	Died 2/97	Relates to multicultural education policy of public schools. Title: **SB 338 and SB 339 - Multicultural Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
OR	Died 2/97	Directs school district board to develop course to instruct high school students on parenting skills and child development; requires high school students to complete course before graduating from high school; allows parent or guardian to excuse minor child from course; applies to students graduating on or after January 1, 1999. Title: **SB 380 - Instructions for Parenting and Child Development Skills** Source: *StateNet*

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OR	Died 3/97	Relates to appropriating money from General Fund for operation of parent program, creates interim task force to develop one-year pilot program to teach parenting skills, provides for task force to select entities to implement program and requires report to 70th Legislative Assembly. Title: **HB 3235 - Parent Program** Source: *StateNet*
OR	Died 3/97	Directs school districts to use phonics in reading and writing education programs in grades 1-3. Title: **HB 3351 - Phonics** Source: *StateNet*
OR	Died 4/97	Recommends abstinence curriculum for teen pregnancy prevention. Title: **SJM 33 - Abstinence Curriculum** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Proposed 4/97	Provides for abstinence program. Title: **SB 899 - Abstinence Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 5/96	Authorizes school district board of trustees to grant foreign language credit for course in American Sign Language. Title: **HB 3055 - Foreign Language Credit for American Sign Language**
SC	Enacted 5/96	Establishes procedure whereby local school board of trustees may exempt certain students from required courses in physical education in public schools. Title: **SB 1071 - Exemptions from Physical Education Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 2/97	Prohibits teaching of Ebonics in public elementary and secondary schools and state-supported institutions of higher learning, including technical colleges. Title: **HB 3145 - Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 8/97	Requires State Board of Education, by regulation, to prescribe use of phonics in teaching reading and to provide inservice training in phonics. Title: **SB 104 - Use of Phonics in Teaching Reading** Source: *StateNet*
SD	Enacted 3/97	Provides for character development instruction in school curriculum. Title: **HB 1152 - Character Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TX	Passed 5/96	Establishes new rules concerning curriculum requirements. Provides for mandated curriculum elements, description of required elementary curriculum and required secondary curriculum. Title: **Required Curriculum; Essential Elements Mandated; Elementary Curriculum; Secondary Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Proposed 6/96	Establishes essential knowledge and skills for three high school mathematics courses: Algebra I, Algebra II and geometry. Title: **19 TAC 111.31-111.34 - Mathematics** Source: *StateNet*

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TX	Died 1/97	Relates to intensive reading instruction for certain public school students. Title: **SB 176 - Reading Instruction** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 6/97	Relates to intensive reading instruction for certain public school students. Title: **HB 3053 - Reading Instruction for Students** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Enacted 3/97	Provides for administration of reading proficiency test in 5th grade; requires students to pass test to advance to 6th grade; provides for exemptions, assessment of emerging and early reading skills of children entering kindergarten and 1st grade, provides that school districts make material available to parents to assist in helping their children master emerging reading skills and early reading skills. Title: **HB 67 - Student Assessments of Reading Proficiency** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Requires students who do not pass literacy tests required to obtain Literacy Passport to participate in summer school or after-school remediation programs; requires school boards to establish remediation program standards committees, consisting of administrators, teachers, parents and community at large. Title: **HB 1859 - Remedial Instructional Programs** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Clarifies that all pupils, including those who transfer from nonpublic schools, must pass Literacy Passport Test to obtain high school diploma. Title: **HB 1960 - Literacy Passport Test** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Proposed 1/97	Relates to prohibiting schools from presenting homosexuality as positive, normal behavior. Title: **SB 5167 - Sex Education** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 3/97	Relates to abstinence education. Title: **HB 1628 and SB 5592 - Abstinence Education** Source: *StateNet*
DEREGULATION/WAIVERS(also see ACCOUNTABILITY and ACCREDITATION)		
AZ	Enacted 4/97	Provides that each school establish school council; states that governing board may delegate to school council responsibility to develop curriculum and any additional powers reasonably necessary to accomplish decentralization; states that school council shall reflect ethnic composition of local community. Title: **HB 2474 - Establishment of School Council and Delegating Responsibilities** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Enacted 4/97	Revises duties of elected school officials; provides school district trustees with greater flexibility in determining pupil instruction time; eliminates need for superintendent of public instruction to approve kindergarten variances for required hours of instruction, pupil instruction days and adult education programs operated by school district; authorizes board of trustees to declare district emergency. Title: **SB 71 - Revision of Duties of Elected School Officials** Source: *StateNet*
OK	Proposed 4/97	Authorizes holding of certain elections to provide for deregulation of public schools. Title: **HB 1491 - Educational Deregulation Act** Source: *StateNet*

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WA	Vetoed 5/97	States that school districts have flexibility to determine how best to work within their communities to ensure students meet high academic standards. Title: **HB 1303/SB 5300- Academic Standards** Source: *StateNet*
DESEGREGATION		
CT	Died 6/97	Repeals statutes concerning racial imbalance in public schools. Title: **HB 5120 - Racial Imbalance in Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Establishes fund to offer teachers noted for curriculum development and outstanding teaching skills an increased salary of up to $5,000 per year to spend two years teaching in Hartford, New Haven or Bridgeport. Proposes that fund receive donations from private sources and that businesses be given tax credits for contributions. Title: **HB 5121 - Incentives for Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
DISCIPLINE (also see ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION, INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS, PARENT/FAMILY, SAFETY/CRIME/VIOLENCE, SPECIAL EDUCATION and STUDENTS)		
AK	Proposed 1/97	Allows public or private school to adopt policy authorizing use of corporal punishment. Title: **HB 14 - Corporal Punishment** Source: *StateNet*
AL	Died 5/97	Requires student in possession of controlled substance or deadly weapon on school campus be expelled for one year. Title: **SB 58 - Expulsion of Student for Possessing Controlled Substance or Deadly Weapon** Source: *StateNet*
AL	Died 5/97	Requires State Board of Education, in consultation with local boards, to establish and adopt statewide uniform dress code policy for public primary, elementary, junior and senior high schools in the state. Title: **SB 81 - Statewide Uniform Dress Code Policy** Source: *StateNet*
AL	Died 5/97	Requires State Board of Education, in consultation with local boards, to establish and adopt statewide uniform dress code policy for public primary, elementary, junior high and senior high schools in the state. Title: **HB 379 - Statewide Uniform Dress Code Policy** Source: *StateNet*
AL	Enacted 5/97	Requires board of school commission of Mobile County to adopt student dress code. Title: **SB 80 - Dress Code** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AR	Died 3/97	Authorizes teachers to remove students from class to maintain effective discipline. Title: **HB 2171 - Removal of Students from Class by Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Enacted 3/97	Provides appeal process for students suspended or expelled from school for violating school district's written discipline policies. Title: **HB 1397 - Appeal Process for Suspensions or Expulsions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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AR	Enacted 3/97	School district discipline policies must include provisions for dealing with students who assault other students, as well as school personnel. Title: **SB 459 - Assault Discipline Policies** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 95	Expels from school for a period of not less than one year student determined to have brought firearm to school within school district or charter school jurisdiction; district or charter school may modify requirement student on case-by-case basis. Title: **Statute 15-841 G - Expulsion for Weapon on School Grounds** Source: Arizona Revised Statute
CA	Enacted 9/96	Adds assault or battery upon any school employee to specific acts under existing law which would lead to recommendation of expulsion for public school pupils. Incorporates additional changes in Section 48915 of Education Code, proposed by AB 692 and AB 2834, to be operative if either of those two bills and this bill are chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 1997, and this bill is chaptered last. Title: **AB 2720 - Additional Acts for Public School Expulsion** Source: *StateNet*
CO	Enacted 4/97	Allows committee of qualified personnel to formulate recommendations, using guidelines recommended by Department of Education, to determine placement of child with disability; modifies definition of "least restrictive environment" to exclude circumstance in which education of disabled child in regular class would be so disruptive that education of other students would be significantly impaired. Title: **HB 1174 - Education and Discipline of Exceptional Children** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 6/96	Requires pupil's parent or legal guardian be notified if pupil is victim of criminal conduct or pupil is found to possess controlled substance, dangerous instrument or deadly weapon on school property. Title: **HB 651 - Criminal Conduct of Pupils Be Notified to Parents** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 6/96	Allows school boards to authorize installation and use of video cameras to survey classrooms for purpose of identifying inappropriate student behavior, in order to encourage orderly and disciplined learning environment in public schools; surveillance must be consented to by principal and classroom teacher. Title: **HB 371 - Video Camera Surveillance of Classrooms** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Proposed 1/97	Gives each local board of education authority and responsibility to determine whether placement of expelled student in alternative program presents substantial threat to safety and welfare of students and staff in alternative program. Title: **HB 83 - Alternative Programs and Their Safety** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 6/97	Provides that it is culpable negligence and third-degree felony to store or leave loaded firearm within reach of student who takes firearm to elementary and secondary school; specifies certain circumstances under which such act does not constitute culpable negligence. Title: **SB 544 - Loaded Firearms** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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FL	Died 5/97	Provides that it is third-degree felony to exhibit during school hours razor blade, box cutter or knife having blade greater than specified length on grounds or facilities of any school, school bus or school bus stop, or within specified distance of real property that comprises public or private school. Title: **SB 1904 - Exhibiting Razors Blades, Box Cutters or Knives** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Died 2/96	Prohibits pocket pagers or electronic communication devices in schools. Title: **HB 1214 - Pagers** Source: "Education Leaders Council," Spring 1996, *Legislative Trends*, p. 12
GA	Enacted 4/97	Relates to juveniles and school attendance; provides that student enrolling for first time in any school in grade 7 or higher must provide copy of his or her scholastic and discipline record; provides for conditional enrollment under certain circumstances; requires school administration to notify teachers of certain past student behavior; requires court to notify school if juvenile is judged to have committed designated felony. Title: **HB 180 - Discipline Records** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 3/97	Emphasizes in-school suspension programs and alternative education settings; includes following provisions: courts would be required to notify schools if student is convicted of felony; local boards could refuse to admit student under disciplinary order (suspension or expulsion) if offense leading to order is punishable by suspension or expulsion in enrolling school; if school system learned student had been convicted of felony, that information could be shared with all teachers to whom student is assigned. Schools would be required to adopt codes of conduct and submit them to State Board of Education by August 15, 1997, to continue receiving state funding; local boards would establish alternative schools for students in grades 6-12 who violate codes of conduct; educators immune from civil and criminal liability for actions in disciplining students. Title: **HB 567 - School Safety Act of 1997** Source: Georgia Senate
HI	Proposed 3/97	Appropriates funds for continuation of pilot teen court program to give teens alternate form of dispute resolution and to allow superintendent of education to select pilot schools. Title: **HB 115 - Pilot Teen Court Program for Dispute Resolution** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Enacted 6/97	Provides for expulsion up to 92 days for students in possession of dangerous weapon, intoxicating liquor or illicit drugs. Title: **HB 1012 - Expulsion for Possession** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Enacted 7/97	Requires Department of Education to inform all parents and guardians of student code of conduct and responsibility for their children's compliance with student code of conduct; requires department to assist and advise parents and guardians in meeting their responsibilities. Title: **SB 26 - Student Code of Conduct** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IA	Died 3/97	Relates to immunity from assault charges for person who uses force to stop fight or disturbance at school or school function. Title: **HB 5 - Immunity from Assault Charges (Discipline)** Source: *StateNet*
IA	Enacted 4/97	Relates to authorization of school officials to conduct searches of students, student protected areas, lockers, desks and other facilities and spaces. Title: **HB 331 - Authority to Conduct Searches** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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IL	Enacted 8/97	Creates School Reporting of Drug Violations Act. Requires principal of public elementary or secondary school to report to police delivery of cannabis and controlled substances occurring in school, on school grounds, on public way within 1,000 feet of school or on school conveyance. Provides that principal or chief administrative officer must report criminal activity within 48 hours of becoming aware of incident. Title: **HB 2132 - Creation of Drug Violation Act** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Enacted 6/97	Authorizes city and parish school boards to require school dress code which includes use of uniforms; requires notification by school boards to parents of such dress code. Title: **HB 649 - School Dress Code** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 6/97	Relates to legislation to prohibit possession of paging devices by students on school property. Title: **SB 174/SB 1823- Prohibition of Possession of Paging Devices** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 7/97	Relates to dress codes in public schools. Title: **HB 3183/HB 4600- Dress Codes in Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
MD	Enacted 4/97	Allows students whose portable pagers are contained in vehicles lawfully on public school property and are not connected with criminal activity to possess pager on public school property; generally relates to possession of portable pagers on public school property. Title: **HB 746 - Pagers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 4/97	Requires school authority to contact law enforcement officer when individual is found in possession of portable pager on public school property for second or subsequent time. Title: **HB 797 - Pagers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 4/97	Broadens authority of county superintendent of schools to deny school admission to student expelled from another school system. Title: **SB 398 - School Admission of Expelled Student** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Proposed 3/97	Clarifies law regarding discipline of exceptional students. Title: **HB 1006 - Discipline of Exceptional Students** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Enacted 5/97	Requires that public schools adopt conflict resolution model. Title: **HB 301 - Conflict Resolution** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Proposed 2/97	Encourages public schools to require uniforms in public schools. Title: **SB 190 - Uniforms in Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 3/97	Provides for expulsion of student who assaults teacher with firearm. Title: **SB 313 - Student Expulsion** Source: *StateNet*

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MN	Proposed 1/97	Establishes policy regarding classroom discipline; establishes grant program to develop and evaluate discipline policies; sets criteria for grant eligibility; requires school site, district, etc., to develop plans to establish a mediation board; includes plan to remove student violators from classroom; provides alternate education site. Title: **HB 303 - Classroom Discipline** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 2/97	Modifies provisions of Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, allowing expulsions for up to one school year; clarifies who is parent for purposes of act; includes disabled students up to age 22; limits suspension of disabled student to 10 days and sets time limit to review such students' education plans; defines alternative educational services which may be provided. Title: **SB 423 - Pupil Discipline** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 4/97	Provides for removal from class any student who continues to interfere with teacher's ability to communicate effectively with students in class. Title: **SB 2590 - Removal of Student From Class** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Enacted 4/97	Allows schools districts to use video cameras in classrooms to monitor student disciplinary activities. Title: **HB 1236 - Use of Video Cameras in Classrooms** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Enacted 3/97	Provides civil and criminal immunity to public school teachers, assistant teachers, principals and assistant principals administering corporal punishment; exempts public school districts from liability from claims arising out of administration of corporal punishment by such employees. Title: **HB 313 - Corporal Punishment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MT	Enacted 4/97	Makes it criminal offense for person to possess, carry or store a weapon in K-12 school building and for parent or guardian to permit minor to possess, carry or store a weapon in K-12 school building; provides for penalty and exception for law enforcement personnel. Title: **HB 29 - Possession of Weapon** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MT	Died 4/97	Reinstitutes school discipline policy that existed prior to 1991 by authorizing teacher or principal to use corporal punishment without undue anger to maintain the orderly conduct of a pupil; requires presence of witness during administration of corporal punishment; requires prior notification of parent or guardian except in cases of open and flagrant defiance; provides that maltreatment of abuse of a pupil by teacher or principal is a misdemeanor. Title: **SB 4 - Corporal Punishment** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Proposed 3/97	Requires local boards of education to suspend for 365 days or remove to alternate educational setting student who physically assaults and seriously injures teacher or other person; requires parents affirmation that student is not suspended or expelled from another school before admission to any public school; allows boards to deny admission to any student who has been suspended or expelled from another school. Title: **HB 512 - Discipline of Students for Physical Assault** Source: *StateNet*
ND	Vetoed 4/97	Relates to school personnel notification of juvenile offenses. Title: **HB 1147 - School Personnel Notification of Juvenile Offenses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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NJ	Enacted 7/96	Requires board of education to adopt dress code policy if policy is requested by principal, staff and parents of individual school and if board determines policy will enhance school learning environment. Any policy adopted which requires wearing of uniform shall include provision to assist economically disadvantaged students. Board of education may provide method whereby parents may choose not to comply with adopted school uniform policy. Student shall not be penalized academically or otherwise discriminated against or denied admittance to school if student's parents choose not to comply with school uniform policy. Title: **AB 920/SB 540 and 897 - Dress Code Policies** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Enacted 7/96	Permits possession of paging devices to and by certain persons under age 18. Title: **AB 1364 - Paging Devices** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Died 6/96	Increases penalties for a felony against teachers when it occurred in a school building or on school grounds. Title: **AB 10989 - Increased Penalties for a Felony Against Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Provides for closed campuses in New York State public elementary, intermediate, junior high and high schools. Title: **AB 5235 - Closed Campuses** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Increases from five to 10 days period of time student may be suspended by principal without requiring a fair hearing. Title: **AB 5394 - Student Suspensions** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Provides that financial responsibility for incarcerated youths and suspended pupils receiving home or alternative instruction not be incurred by the local district. Title: **AB 5447 - Financial Responsibility for Incarcerated Youth or Suspended Student** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Prohibits students of elementary and secondary schools from possessing paging devices on school grounds or while at any school-sponsored activities; provides for granting of exemptions by principals for extraordinary circumstances. Title: **SB 3320 - Prohibition of Pagers** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Expands criminal liability of juveniles possessing weapons and access to juveniles' fingerprints; requires Board of Regents to report annually to governor and legislature on crimes and disruptive behavior committed in school; provides for installation of metal detectors in certain school buildings; requires implementation of school curriculum on crime prevention. Title: **AB 6523 - Comprehensive School Safety Act of 1997** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Directs commissioner of education to promulgate rules and regulations requiring all school districts to adopt dress codes. Title: **AB 6662 - Adoption of Dress Codes** Source: *StateNet*

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NY	Proposed 4/97	Requires school districts to establish alternative settings for disruptive students either in separate rooms or separate buildings; allows principals to suspend students; allows teachers to remove disruptive students from their class for up to five days and extends the period student may be suspended without full hearing by principal or other school official up to 10 days. Title: **SB 5232 - Alternative Settings for Disruptive Students** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 4/97	Confers upon public schools the responsibility to provide to students and school employees safe and secure environment for learning and teaching; requires boards of education to adopt and enforce codes of conduct for maintaining public order on school property; grants commissioner power to investigate complaints of noncompliance by school districts. Title: **SB 5233 - Adoption and Enforcement of Discipline for Safe and Secure Environment in School** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 1/97	Requires school districts to expel for one year student who assaults school employee or another student to believe student will cause serious physical harm to employee or student either on school district property or on school bus; requires school districts to provide assignments to suspended or expelled students upon request. Title: **HB 125 - Student Suspension/Expulsion for Assault**
OR	Enacted 6/96	Changes maximum number of days a student may be suspended from seven to 10 school days. Brings rule into compliance with 1995 Legislative changes to ORS 339.250. Title: **OAR 581-021-0065 - Maximum Number of Days a Student May Be Suspended** Source: *StateNet*
PA	Proposed 4/97	Authorizes school districts of the first class to impose dress codes and require students to wear standard dress or uniforms. Title: **HB 509 and SB 494 - Dress Codes and Uniforms** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 1/97	Relates to powers and duties of school boards of trustees, so as to authorize a board to promulgate regulations establishing school uniform dress code policy within its district. Title: **HB 3200 - Uniform Dress Code** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Enacted 6/97	Enacts South Carolina School Safety Act of 1997. Title: **HB 3240 - School Safety Act of 1997** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Enacted 5/96	Requires local education agencies to adopt and file written policies and procedures to ensure school environments safe and secure from violence, weapons and drugs. Title: **HB 2910/SB 3008 - School Safety** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Enacted 4/97	Requires local boards of education to keep records of violations of zero-tolerance discipline policies with list of specific misconduct, grade level and action taken; requests State Department of Education to compile information and report to governor and legislature on number of children so punished. Title: **HB 204 - Zero-Tolerance Discipline** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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VA	Enacted 4/97	Authorizes teachers to remove disruptive students from their classes under certain circumstances; requires Board of Education to revise its code of student conduct guidelines to include criteria for teacher-ordered removal of students from classes. Title: **HB 1877 - Removal of Disruptive Students from Classes** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/96	Eliminates $50 fine for parent's willful or unreasonable failure to sign and return statement to school acknowledging student conduct standards and recognizing parental responsibility in disciplining student; keeps policy requiring parent to sign and return statement acknowledging receipt of standards; clarifies receipt of standards does not waive parental rights and courts may only order students to attend classes. Title: **HB 1199 - Elimination of $50 Fine Regarding Conduct Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Repeals sections of Acts of 1993 which relate to education of students who are suspended, excluded or expelled. Title: **HB 1936 - Suspension, Exclusion and Expulsion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Allows school boards to adopt regulations (i) eliminating right to appeal to local school board suspensions of 10 days or less; and (ii) removing requirement that school boards conduct hearing for appeals of decisions to exclude students expelled by another school board or private school; specifies that opportunity for hearing take place before division superintendent; relates to superintendent's duties. Title: **HB 2169 - Suspensions and Expulsions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Provides that any school division in commonwealth may regulate use or possession of beepers or other portable communications devices by students on school property and establish disciplinary procedures to which students violating such regulations will be subject. Title: **HB 2278 - Portable Communications Devices** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Allows school boards to exclude from school attendance those pupils who have been suspended for more than 30 days by another school board or private school in Virginia or in another state for offense involving alcohol, weapons or violence to persons or property for duration of suspension. Title: **HB 2378 - Suspensions and Exclusions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Grants immunity from civil damages to public school teachers when acting in good faith within their scope of employment while supervising, caring for, or maintaining discipline of students, unless acts or omissions were result of gross negligence or willful misconduct. Title: **HB 2504 - Teacher Immunity** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Provides that all local school boards may authorize board committee to confirm or disapprove expulsion of students; any such committee must be composed of at least three board members. Title: **HB 2526 - Expulsions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Requires school boards to provide information to students regarding prosecution of juveniles as adults for commission of certain crimes. Title: **HB 2595 - Juvenile Information** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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VA	Enacted 3/97	Requires local school boards to permit student who was victim of any crime against person committed by or alleged to have been committed by another student attending classes in school, any employee of school board, any volunteer, contract worker or other person who regularly performs services in school, to transfer to another comparable school within district, if available. Title: **HB 2666/SB 1163 - Students' Rights as Crime Victims** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Authorizes expedited procedures for certain suspensions and expulsions; allows school boards to promulgate regulations providing for certain hearings before the superintendent and for decisions of superintendents on short-term suspensions and expulsions. Title: **SB 1161 - Suspensions and Expulsions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Enacted 94	Allows school boards to establish schools or programs which parents may choose for their children which require dress codes/uniforms; where parents are required to participate in their student's education; and where discipline requirements are more stringent than in other schools in the district. Title: **RCS 28A.320.140 - Schools or Programs with Special Standards**
WA	Proposed 1/97	Establishes programs which students are required to conform to dress and parents are required to participate in the students education. Boards shall accommodate students so that uniform requirement is not unfair barrier to school attendance and partition. Title: **SB 5117 - Parent Participation and School Uniform** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 4/97	Reauthorizes Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; ensures safe and orderly learning environment in public schools regarding discipline of students with disabilities to correct inequities in administering discipline. Title: **HJM 4023 - Discipline of Students with Disabilities** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Enacted 5/97	Relates to removing child from school grounds; establishes criteria that limits school employees' ability to remove students from school. Title: **HB 1086 - Removing a Child From School Grounds** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Enacted 5/97	Provides that student enrolled in public school or alternative school may be suspended or expelled if student is member of gang and knowingly engages in gang activity on school grounds. Title: **HB 1841 - Provisions To Improve School Safety** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Proposed 3/97	Authorizes corporal punishment in grades K-9. Title: **HB 2811 - Corporal Punishment** Source: *StateNet*
DRESS CODES/UNIFORMS (see DISCIPLINE and PARENT/FAMILY)		
DRIVER'S LICENSES (see ATTENDANCE, CURRICULUM and INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS)		
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
CT	Died 6/97	Provides grants for establishment and operation of early childhood education programs in priority school districts and areas served by schools with high concentration of students at or below federal poverty level. Title: **HB 6910 - Early Childhood Education** Source: *StateNet*

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CT	Enacted 6/97	Establishes and funds interagency early child care and education system to attain successful school readiness for children ages 3 and 4; integrates functions of early child care and education across department and categorical funding streams. Title: **HB 5461 - School Readiness** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/97	Creates pilot to promote school readiness for preschool children; requires report. Title: **SB 442 - School Readiness for Preschool Children** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Enacted 5/97	Provides for privatization of prekindergarten early intervention program; provides minimum standards for staff-to-children ratio in licensed child care facility with children of mixed-age ranges; provides minimum standards for evening child care; requires background screening of nonrelated, unregulated caregivers receiving subsidies through subsidized child care program or other public funds. Title: **SB 630 - Privatization of Prekindergarten Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Enacted 7/97	Establishes Early Intervention Trust Fund to provide such services for infants and toddlers with specific needs. Title: **HB 122 - Early Intervention Trust Fund** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Enacted 4/97	Recognizes public and private partnership between state and private, nonprofit corporation created as focal point for policy development and dedicated to enhancing, developing and coordinating quality early childhood education and care services. Title: **SB 1631 - Partnerships** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MA	Enacted 7/96	Relates to qualifications of persons providing group child care; prohibits lowering of age requirements for assistant teachers, teachers, lead teachers and child care directors providing group care to infants, toddlers and preschool-aged children. Title: **HB 5840 - Qualifications of Child Care Providers; Governor's Veto Overridden by Senate** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Enacted 6/97	Establishes task force to study strategies to support parents as children's first teachers. Title: **HB 1287 - Parents as Children's First Teacher** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Relates to children; appropriates money for Greenway Readiness Program for early childhood family education and special education. Title: **HB 1485 - Early Childhood Education** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Authorizes local school boards to use school facilities to provide child care for prekindergarten-age children and extended day care for kindergarten through 5th-grade children. Title: **SB 2061 - Usage of School Facilities for Provision of Child Care and Extended Day Care** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Enacted 3/97	Relates to licensing of day care facilities; limits licensing authority with regard to educational curricula and training of providers. Title: **HB 124 - Early Childhood Licensing** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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VA	Enacted 4/97	Provides that licensed child day centers shall employ staff personnel according to specific ratios of staff members to children. Title: **SB 1137 - Child Day Center Personnel** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Enacted 5/97	Relates to early intervention services for children with developmental delays. Title: **HB 2885 - Early Intervention Service for Children with Developmental Delays** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
EXTENDED DAY		
CT	Died 6/97	Allows education commissioner to provide for extended learning environment for students in disadvantaged school districts. Title: **HB 5005 - Extended Learning in Disadvantaged School Districts** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Enacted 5/97	Focuses on unique needs of Georgia's middle-school children (grades 6-8); directs Department of Education to operate state program designed to provide enhanced academic resources, community service activities and other enrichment activities to middle-school children during nonschool hours. Department of Education will operate this program in consultation with Georgia School Age Care Association and administer grants made to fund local programs. Goal will be to encourage and coordinate local programs. Specific goals listed in legislation include: (1) improvement in school attendance and academic performance of participating students; (2) reduction in number of middle-school-age children unsupervised during nonschool hours; (3) increased participation by students in supervised academic, educational and voluntary community service activities; and (4) reduction of juvenile crime, substance abuse and teenage pregnancy. (If local school system manages program, any sex education materials or classes would have to conform to existing guidelines.) Includes provision requiring annual review of effectiveness of state and local programs provided for in this legislation. Title: **SB 50 - Enrichment Program for Middle-School Children** Source: Georgia Senate
MN	Proposed 3/97	Expands year-round school/extended week or day pilot program; appropriates funds. Title: **HB 1817 - Extended School Calendar/Weeks/Days**
OH	Proposed 2/97	Establishes Peaceful School Grants for certain school districts and provides assistance to certain school districts to keep schools open after regular hours; establishes grants for after-school youth programs operated jointly by certain school districts and public or private nonprofit social agencies. Title: **HB 234 - Peaceful School Grants**
OH	Proposed 2/97	Establishes Peaceful School Grants for certain schools and provides assistance to certain school districts to keep schools open after regular hours and makes appropriation. Title: **HB 235 - Peaceful School Grants Appropriation**
OH	Proposed 2/97	Establishes grants for after-school youth programs operated jointly by certain school districts and public or private nonprofit social service agencies. Title: **HB 236 - After-School Youth Program Grants**
OR	Died 3/97	Relates to after-school program; appropriates funds. Title: **HB 3161 - After-School Program** Source: *StateNet*

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TN	Enacted 4/97	Requires that time built up by schools who spend more than six-and-one-half hours a day in instruction may be used to have noninstructional days devoted to faculty professional development, parent-teacher conferences and related meetings. Title: **HB 301/SB 256 - Instruction Time** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Proposed 4/97	Creates in Department of Children's Services the Support Our Students (SOS) program to award grants to family resources centers, neighborhood and community-based organizations, and community services agencies so they may provide high-quality after-school activities for school-aged children. Title: **SB 336 - SOS Program for High Quality After-School Activities** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 8/97	Establishes pilot after-school programs. Title: **SB 1361 - Pilot After-School Programs** Source: *StateNet*
FINANCE (also see SPECIAL EDUCATION and TECHNOLOGY)		
AK	Proposed 7/96	Proposes Education Endowment which earmarks portion of Permanent Fund earnings for basic level of K-12 education funding. Plan would be put in place through constitutional amendment voted on by Alaskans in November 1998. Permanent Fund would continue to grow from $15 billion to $25 billion in 10 years, protected against inflation. Upon voter approval, education funding would gradually shift from "general fund" to Education Endowment, using some of Permanent Fund's annual earnings. Endowment would be "floor" or "base level" of education funding. Additional funds for education could be appropriated by legislature, but endowment funds could not be spent for any other purpose. Base level of funding could be supplemented from local revenues, state's general fund or other sources. Endowment funding would increase to match any growth in school enrollments, currently estimated at 2% each year. Money from Endowment would be appropriated each year by legislature for K-12 education. Title: **Education Endowment** Source: Office of the Governor
AK	Proposed 2/97	Relates to Public School Funding Program; repeals Public School Foundation Program; relates to definition of school district, transportation of students, school district layoff plans, special education service agency, Child Care Grant Program and compulsory attendance in public schools. Title: **HB 126 - Public School Funding Program** Source: *StateNet*
AK	Enacted 5/97	Increases excise tax on cigarettes and tobacco products; specifies use of proceeds for state support of elementary and secondary education, aggressive anti-tobacco campaign targeting children, and prosecution of illegal sellers or suppliers of tobacco products to children. Title: **SB 13 - Increase of Excise Tax on Cigarettes and Tobacco Products** Source: *StateNet*
AZ	Died 7/96	Provides for reformation of school capital financing mechanism by end of 1997 by means of constitutional amendment in accordance with four principles; requests substantial equalization satisfying state Constitution; requests same assessment ratio on all property for voter-approved school construction; provides that nonresidential property is availed to all districts for taxation based on per-pupil values; calls for elimination of debt for school construction within 15 years. Title: **SB 1013 - School Capital Financing** Source: *StateNet*

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AZ	Enacted 7/96	Provides that State Board for Capital Facilities may issue bonds payable from Permanent Common School Fund; provides that final maturity date must be no later than fiscal year 2015-16; provides that such bonds are tax-free legal investments, but not state obligation; creates State Debt Oversight Commission to ascertain bonded debt of all taxing jurisdictions; makes specified appropriations for fiscal years 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 to remedy health, fire or safety problems. Title: **HB 2001 c/SB 1001c- Funding Capital Facility Projects** Source: *StateNet*
AZ	Enacted 3/97	Amends self-repeal date of legislature's "ABC" School Finance Act of 1997 to extend date to six months after court ruling; forbids state Board of School Capital Facilities entering after ruling into any obligation not related to preliminary approval given before final court ruling. Title: **HB 2009 and SB 1009 a - School Finance Act of 1997** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 7/96	Establishes Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding Program for purpose of assisting school districts with facilities-related costs associated with reducing class size in grades K-3, pursuant to specified Class Size Reduction Program. Title: **SB 1789 - Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding Program** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 6/97	Places on ballot measure to lower vote required for passage of local school bonds to simple majority. Title: **ACA 7 - Bond Elections** Source: Association of California School Administrators
CA	Enacted 8/97	Enacts 1998 Class Size Reduction Bond Act and 2000 Class Size Reduction Bond Act, each of which, upon voter approval, would provide $1 billion in general obligation bonds to provide aid to school districts in accordance with Greene Act. Title: **AB 64 - 1998 Class Size Reduction Bond Act and 2000 Class Size Reduction Bond Act** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 7/97	Changes current two-thirds vote requirement for passage of local school facilities bond measures to 58% of votes cast. Title: **AB 55 - Bond Elections** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 4/97	Proposes to allocate 90% of $4 billion in bond proceeds on per-ADA basis, while requiring 50/50 local match. Title: **AB 110 - School Bond Measure** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CO	Died 4/97	Would submit measure to Colorado voters at November 1998 general election to amend state Constitution relating to distribution of lottery proceeds. Concurrent resolution would require that $32 million from net proceeds of state lottery revenues be distributed annually to School Construction and Renovation Fund, which would be created in State Treasury (see HB 1007 below). Monies in construction fund would be used to make matching grants to school districts to construct new public schools and perform renovations of and controlled maintenance at public schools. Title: **HCR 1001 - Funding of State Lottery Revenues** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
CO	Vetoed 6/97	Establishes school construction and renovation fund to receive lottery moneys allocated by state Constitution; provides that fund monies are to be used to make matching grants to school districts for capital construction. Title: **HB 1007 - School Construction and Renovation Fund** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff

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CO	Died 4/97	Establishes Small Attendance Center Grant Fund in State Treasury. For 1997-98 budget year, and each budget year thereafter, school districts would be eligible to seek program grants if they meet certain criteria, including: district enrollment of 200 or more, more than one school attendance center in the district and operation of one or more school attendance centers with pupil enrollment of less than 200, located 20 or more miles from any other school attendance center. Title: **HB 1015 - Small Attendance Center Grant Fund** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
FL	Died 5/97	Provides matching grants to certain school districts; specifies eligible facilities. Provides for allocation and use of matching grants from Florida Lottery School Construction Fund; authorizes school districts to pledge discretionary lottery funds designated for school facilities and any matching grants for payment of bonds. Title: **SB 2084 - School Construction Fund** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Proposed 6/97	Amends state Constitution; allows counties with 45,000 or more students to be divided into two or more school districts, subject to local voter referendum approval; requires calculation of funding countywide, except for millage voted for bonded indebtedness. Title: **HJR 51 - School District Consolidation and Funding** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 5/97	Creates School Infrastructure Trust Fund with Department of Education; provides for sources of monies and purposes, annual carryover of funds; future review and termination or re-creation of trust fund. Title: **SB 1864 - School Infrastructure Trust Fund** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 3/97	Creates Fund Education First Act. Provides that until sum of state and federal spending for elementary and secondary education for fiscal year represents 50% of total revenues that state superintendent of education estimates are available for local, state and federal sources for elementary and secondary education for that fiscal year, amount appropriated by General Assembly shall be equal to 50% of total new general funds. Title: **HB 100 - Local, State and Federal Sources of Funding Elementary and Secondary Education** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 5/97	Amends Capital Development Board Act by changing grant index applicable to grants to school districts for school construction projects to enrollment-based formula from weighted average daily attendance based. Title: **HB 18 - Finance for School Construction Projects** Source: *StateNet*
KS	Enacted 5/97	Authorizes adoption of local option budgets; provides procedure for authorization to increase such budgets; revises definition of local effort. Title: **SB 36 - Local Option Budgets** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Died 6/97	Relates to funding to improve elementary and secondary school facilities; creates and provides for Elementary and Secondary School Building Fund; provides that 2% of net proceeds from state lottery, Video Poker Device Fund, Net Riverboat Gaming Funds, and revenues from casino gaming operations be annually deposited into such fund. Title: **SB 1275 - Funding for Improvement of School Facilities** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Proposed 5/97	Proposes state constitutional amendment to provide equal educational funding. Title: **SB 639 a - Equal Educational Funding** Source: *StateNet*

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MI	Proposed 4/97	Requires unclaimed winnings from casino gaming to be earmarked to School Aid Fund. Title: **HB 4639 - Casino Gaming Funds Earmarked for School Aid Fund** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 4/97	Provides property tax classification reform, increases local government aid, provides for education funding, increases property tax refunds, establishes property tax deferral program for senior citizens, appropriates money. Title: **HB 2142 - Property Tax** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 3/97	Provides for revenues derived from additional license fee for general contractors be used to create Construction Education Fund, provides for fund distribution; applies to institutes for higher learning and community colleges; specifies fund usage for institutions offering certain courses of construction education. Title: **SB 2058 - Creation of Construction Education Fund** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Passed 4/97	Suspends deadlines for further consideration of S 2649, providing Mississippi Adequate Education program. Title: **HCR 159 - Financing Adequate Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Died 6/96	Establishes School Facilities Trust Fund to provide funds for grants to help counties carry out public school capital outlay projects to promote equity in local school facilities; reduces pressure on local property tax. Title: **HB 1104 and SB 1133 - School Facilities Trust Fund** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Died 6/96	Makes permanent requirement that counties use part of the two half-cent local sales tax proceeds only for public school buildings. Title: **SB 1136 - Usage of Local Sales Tax for Public School Buildings** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Died 7/96	Establishes state lottery to provide funds for educational purposes, subject to statewide referendum; creates State Lottery Commission; provides for membership and duties; restricts games to be offered, specifies ticket criteria; requires independent audit; specifies percentages for expenses and prizes and provides for allocation to local school administrative units and institutions of higher learning. Creates Education Improvement Scholarship Task Force. Title: **HB 60 and SB 28 - State Lottery to Provide Funds for Educational Purposes** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 5/96	Proposes state constitutional amendment to limit use of local revenues for funding public education. Title: **ACR 76 - Use of Local Revenues for Funding Public Education** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 6/96	Increases cigarette tax for constitutionally dedicated purpose of providing increased public school districts facilities aid to ensure thorough and efficient system of free public schools. Title: **AB 2157 and SB 1436 - Increased School Facilities by Increasing Cigarette Tax** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 6/96	Amends state constitution to dedicate cigarette tax increase for increased public school facilities. Title: **ACR 1/SCR 88 - Increased School Facilities by Increasing Cigarette Tax** Source: *StateNet*

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NJ	Proposed 5/97	Proposes constitutional amendment to prohibit use of local real property taxes for funding core curriculum content standards. Title: **ACR 118 - Funding of Core Curriculum Content Standards** Source: *StateNet*
NM	Died 2/97	Relates to state lottery revenues; changes disposition of net lottery revenues to earmark 60% for public school, middle school and junior high school extracurricular activities; creates fund, makes appropriation, amends enacting session of NMSA 1978. Title: **SB 483 - State Lottery Revenues** Source: *StateNet*
NM	Died 1/97	Enacts Classroom Piggy Bank Act to provide money for teachers for instructional and educational activities and makes appropriation. Title: **SB 316 - Finance for Teachers for Instructional and Educational Activities** Source: *StateNet*
NV	Enacted 6/97	Revises provisions governing review of plans for school facilities; authorizes school districts to enter into lease agreements for school facilities with option to purchase; requires board of trustees of school districts in certain counties to establish oversight panels for school facilities; and other provisions. Title: **AB 353 - Financing of School Facilities** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 1/97	Provides that price of each lottery ticket shall be increased by 10 cents, with three cents to be used for education for the handicapped, three for school dropout prevention programs, and four cents for drug abuse prevention and rehabilitation programs. Title: **AB 1728 - Lottery Sales Increase Used for Education** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 3/97	Requires that $250 million of lottery profits be credited each year to Public School Building Fund and used for Classroom Facilities Assistance Program. Title: **SB 68 - Classroom Facilities Assistance Program**
OH	Proposed 1/97	Proposes constitutional amendment; designates percentage of certain state taxes be used solely for public primary and secondary education; requires approval of three-fifths of each house to reduce such percentage; limits ability of local subdivisions to levy taxes supporting primary and secondary education; provides additional state revenue for primary and secondary by levying a 1% sales tax. Title: **HJR 4 - State Taxes**
OH	Proposed 2/97	Requires director of budget and management to make annual transfer of $150 million from Lottery Profits Education Fund to Education Facilities Bond Service Fund; creates Education Facilities Fund to make monetary grants to school districts to assist in financing classroom facilities projects, creates Education Facilities Commission to award such grants, requires State Board of Education to establish standards and procedures for awarding such grants. Title: **SB 20 - Finance and Budget Management** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 1/97	Allows homestead exemption recipients to be exempted from school tax levies. Title: **HB 77 - School Tax Exemptions**
OH	Proposed 1/97	Authorizes school districts to levy income tax and property tax but grant credits to property owners subject to both taxes. Title: **HB 78 - Income and Property Tax Credits**

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OH	Proposed 1/97	Splits cost school districts incur in property assessment challenges among all taxing districts. Title: **HB 80 - Property Assessment Challenge Costs**
OH	Proposed 1/97	Allows school districts to combine several money issues into one ballot question. Title: **HB 81 - Ballot Questions**
OK	Proposed 2/97	Relates to allowing schools to place advertisements on transportation equipment. Title: **SB 418 - Advertisements on Transportation Equipment** Source: *StateNet*
OR	Died 6/97	Directs State Board of Education to establish statewide cost standards for capital construction of schools; establishes School Capital Construction Fund; directs Department of Education to distribute money from fund to school districts based on cost standards; appropriates money from General Fund to Department of Education for School Capital Construction Fund. Title: **HB 3555 - Capital Construction** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Passed 6/96	Allows school and Institutional Trust Lands Administration flexibility in setting sublease fees for telecommunication site leases. Allows school and Institutional Trust Lands Administration to charge telecommunication site sublessees current fair market rental. Title: **R850-30-100 to 1200 - Special Use Leases** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 3/97	Establishes public school license plate. Title: **SB 5722 - Public School License Plate** Source: *StateNet*
WY	Died 2/97	Modifies distributions of local school district revenues by allocating revenues directly to foundation account, to be distributed to local districts through foundation program payments as specified; modifies related provisions and authorizes payment of property tax refunds from foundation account on behalf of districts as specified; modifies foundation account interfund borrowing authority. Title: **HB 262 - School Finance** Source: *StateNet*
GIFTED AND TALENTED		
MD	Enacted 4/97	Requires rigorous academic standards for gifted and talented students; offers incentives to county boards to implement programs for those students; sets standards for those programs; authorizes State Board of Education to award grants; requires specified procedures and record keeping. Title: **SB 230 - State Support for Gifted and Talented Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GOVERNANCE (also see CHARTER SCHOOLS, POSTSECONDARY, SCHOOL BOARDS, SITE-BASED MANAGEMENT and STATE)		
CT	Enacted 4/97	Dissolves Hartford Board of Education and establishes State Board of Trustees for Hartford Public Schools; transfers all contracts, powers and duties and gives new board sole responsibility for district management from June 1, 1997 to June 30, 2000; allows request for extension to June 30, 2002; and makes other specific provisions regarding board. Title: **SB 1200 - Establishment of State Board of Trustees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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DE	Enacted 7/97	Changes Department of Public Instruction to Department of Education; entrusts leadership of new department to secretary of education; creates more accountable and effective department by making governor directly accountable for its effectiveness and by freeing secretary to manage department's operations without micromanagement by the state board; ensures that important education policies will not be changed without consent of citizens' board. Title: **HB 81 - Governance of Department of Education** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Enacted 8/96	Amends School Code by changing size of State Board of Education to nine members and ending terms of current members on January 1, 1997 or when all new board members are appointed. Establishes new pattern of regional representation on the board. Creates School Safety and Educational Improvement Block Grant Program with funding to be distributed to districts based on prior year's best three months average daily attendance. Title: **HB 2596 - Governance of State Board of Education** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Enacted 8/97	Authorizes chief executive officer of Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees to appoint representative of local business community to serve, at pleasure of chief executive officer, as nonvoting member on local school council; provides that such appointee have right to attend and participate in deliberations at all meetings and executive sessions. Title: **HB 1702 - Board Appointment of Local Business Community Representative** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Died 6/97	Creates new governance structure for education, including state superintendent of education to head of Department of Education and CEO for State Education Board, and State Education Board to supervise and control public elementary and secondary schools, vocational-technical training and special schools with budgetary responsibility for funds appropriated or allocated by state. Title: **SB 274 - New Governance Structure for Education** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Establishes procedure for community school boards to petition to transfer control of certain high schools in New York City Community School System to community board; separate petition required for each high school for which control is sought; 90% of high school's student population must reside within geographic boundaries of community district submitting petition. Title: **AB 5782 - Community School Board Control of High Schools** Source: *StateNet*
GRADING PRACTICES (also see CURRICULUM)		
FL	Died 4/97	Provides for education commissioner to adopt rules regarding student performance standards; revises high school grading system. Title: **HB 1007 - Student Performance Standards** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 4/97	Requires school districts to establish and publish policies for content and regular issuance of student report cards depicting both academic and conduct performance by all students; prohibits student exemption from academic performance requirements; requires annual progress monitoring and reporting by Department of Education. Title: **HB 837 - Student Report Cards** Source: *StateNet*

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IL	Enacted 6/96	Requires that high schools use same scale in reporting grade-point average of all applicants to ensure equity within high school's applicant population. Specifies that high schools that do not submit class ranks for applicants shall have their students' scores computed using class rank of one in class size of one to allow for these applicants to be included in competition. Title: **23 IAC 2755.30 to 2755.50 - Computing GPA for Robert C Byrd Honors Scholarship Program** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 5/97	Provides that State Board of Education shall establish by school year 1998-99 uniform grading system to be used by all public schools in South Carolina. Title: **HB 4112 - Uniform Grading System** Source: *StateNet*
HEALTH		
CO	Enacted 5/97	Concerns contracts to receive federal matching funds in providing health services to public school students; authorizes school districts, boards of cooperative services, state K-12 education institutions to enter into contracts with Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to receive federal matching funds for amounts spent in providing health services through schools to students who receive Medicaid. Title: **SB 101 - Federal Matching Funds for Health Services to Students** Source: Colorado Association of School Boards
FL	Enacted 5/96	Provides that it is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to smoke tobacco in, on or within 1,000 feet of real property comprising public or private elementary, middle or secondary school between the hours of 6 a.m. and midnight. Provides civil penalty not to exceed $250 or 50 hours of community service for violations. Became law without governor's signature. Title: **SB 322 - Under 18 and Smoking Tobacco** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 2/97	Appropriates to Department of Education funds to establish school-based health centers in all public secondary schools, with program pertaining to prevention of teen pregnancy. Title: **SB 865 - School-Based Health Centers** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 5/97	Amends Sale of Tobacco to Minors Act; prohibits person under age 18 from smoking tobacco, in on or within 1,000 feet of school between hours of 6 a.m. and midnight. Provides that penalty is petty offense with maximum fine of $25. Provides that court may sentence offender to 50 hours of community service or to anti-tobacco alternative to suspension program, if available. Title: **SB 309 - Prohibition of Smoking Tobacco** Source: *StateNet*
IN	Died 4/97	Requires health-care providers responsible for primary health care of children between six months and six years of age to conduct periodic blood lead testing on these children. Requires child-care centers, child homes and child-care ministries to require blood lead testing as condition of admitting children. Requires children must have blood lead tests performed before enrolling in school. Requires state Department of Health to establish state accreditation licensing program. Title: **HB 1181 - Primary Health Care** Source: *StateNet*

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MA	Proposed 7/97	Relates to penalties for retailers selling tobacco products to persons under age 18 or anyone who, not the parent or guardian, gives tobacco to person under age 18; relates to program for local school departments to enlist students and local law enforcement agencies to conduct compliance checks; requires resulting fines and penalties be kept separate for and used for smoke cessation programs in schools; specifies fines and license revocation. Title: **HB 507 and SB 503 - Penalties for Selling or Giving Tobacco Products to Minors** Source: *StateNet*
MO	Died 5/97	Establishes Healthy Missouri Children Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation to provide health insurance coverage for children not covered by Medicaid or private insurance. Authorizes corporation to determine eligibility requirements, set premiums on sliding scale and provide services at local schools. Appropriates funds, defines corporation board members, exempts from public disclosure certain records and financial information. Title: **HB 811 - Healthy Missouri Children Corporation** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Provides for Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting Coordinator within Department of Education; requires high school students that are parents to attend parenting classes as part of comprehensive school health education curriculum. Title: **SB 2086 - Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting Coordination** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 1/97	Requires that each elementary and secondary public school in New York City be staffed by at least one school health-service aide. Title: **AB 57 - Health Services in Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
OR	Enacted 5/97	Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding school personnel administering prescription and nonprescription medication to students and for student self-medication; requires school district boards to adopt policies and procedures consistent with rules; changes standard for liability for misadministration of medication to gross negligence from ordinary negligence. Title: **HB 2535 - Administration of Medication to Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Passed 4/97	Declares May 1997 as Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Month. Title: **SR 43 - Teenage Pregnancy** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Enacted 6/96	Provides that local school boards may make school district facilities smoke free; provides exception for governmental entities that had nonsmoking policy in effect before August 1, 1990. Revises sentencing guideline for misdemeanor of tobacco product sales to minors. Relates to Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990. Title: **HB 3201 - Smoke-Free School Districts** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Died 2/97	Prohibits teachers from being required to perform nonemergency health-related assistance to students unless such duties are included in contract. Title: **SB 885 - Teacher Contracts and Health-Related Assistance to Students** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Enacted 4/97	Provides that to protect public schoolchildren from exposure to nicotine, each school district board of directors shall have policy prohibiting use of all tobacco products on public school property. Title: **HB 1081 - Tobacco Products on Public School Property** Source: *StateNet*

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HOME SCHOOLING		
AK	Enacted 6/97	**Formally exempts home-school students from compulsory school act as long as student "is being** educated in child's home by parent or legal guardian and is receiving an organized educational program that includes reading, spelling, mathematics, science, history, civics, literature, writing and English grammar." Title: **SB 134 - Home-School Students Exemption from Compulsory School Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AK	Proposed 5/97	Requires public school districts to enroll, upon request, part-time students attending private or home school or enrolled in course of correspondence study. Title: **HB 158 - Public School Enrollment by Nonpublic School Students** Source: Alaska Department of Education
AR	Enacted 3/97	Amends and repeals various sections of Arkansas Code pertaining to home-schooled students. Title: **HB 1157 - Home-Schooled Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 4/97	Relates to school attendance requirements and participation in interscholastic activities by children instructed at home. Title: **HB 2057 - Home-Schooled Student Participation in Interscholastic Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Died 6/97	Allows children instructed at home or at charter schools to participate in interscholastic competition. Title: **SB 1011 - Home-School Participation in Interscholastic Competition** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Proposed 5/97	Amends provision relating to student standards for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities. Defines term "extracurricular." Provides home education students with access to such activities. Title: **HB 1663 - Extracurricular Activities Participation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Proposed 3/97	Relates to compulsory school attendance, provides for special diplomas for home-schooled students. Title: **HB 486 - School Attendance and Home Schooling** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Proposed 3/97	HB 31 allows graduates of nonaccredited church-related schools and home-schooled students who score 1000 or more on the SAT and have been certified by their instructor as having certain grade-point average to receive HOPE scholarship. HB 90 awards HOPE Scholarship to home-schooled children who score 1000 or more on the SAT and pass GED. Title: **HB 31/HB 90 - Expansion of HOPE Scholarships** Source: Georgia Senate
GA	Proposed 3/97	Requires that parents home schooling their own children have baccalaureate degree or hire tutor certified to teach in this state. Title: **HB 586 - Home-School Certification Requirements** Source: Georgia Senate
ID	Died 3/97	Relates to income tax credits against state income tax for nonuse of public schools for residents with children of compulsory school age (home-schooled children). Title: **HB 342 - Home Schooling** Source: *StateNet*

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LA	Died 6/97	Authorizes parents of home-schooled children to receive income tax credit. Title: **SB 216 - Income Tax Credit for Home-Schooled Children** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Died 2/97	Authorizes home-school students to participate in public school interscholastic activities. Title: **SB 3005 - Home-School Student Participation in Interscholastic Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ND	Enacted 4/97	Amends and reenacts sections of North Dakota Century Code; relates to home schools. Title: **HB 1368 - Home Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ND	Enacted 4/97	Relates to high school diplomas for students receiving home-based instruction. Title: **HB 1456 - High School Diplomas for Home Schoolers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Enacted 4/97	Requires admission to state institutions for home-school or nonpublic school students; requires public schools to enroll transferring home-school or private school students at level appropriate to age and test scores. Title: **SB 1235 - Home-School Provisions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Proposed 1/97	Requires that home-school children obtain permission to participate in classes and extracurricular activities at school to which child otherwise would be assigned. Title: **HB 47 - Home-School Children's Participation in Classes and Extracurricular Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OR	Died 3/97	Grants tax credit for education expenses paid or incurred for student attending private or public school or in home-school program. Title: **SB 954 - Tax Credit for Education Expenses** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Removes minimum age requirement of 15 for students who have been home-schooled for three consecutive years or who have been exempted from compliance with compulsory attendance laws for bona fide religious reasons to qualify for GED testing if they conform to national GED testing requirements. Title: **HB 2379 - Home Schooling and GED Testing** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Requires school boards to adopt policies consistent with their constitutional and statutory responsibilities to provide public education for part-time admission and enrollment of home-school students. Title: **HB 1860 - Home Schooling** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Proposed 3/97	Exempts private school and home-schooled students from jobs through education criteria and prohibits discrimination in college admissions and scholarships or aid. Title: **HB 2746 - Home-Schooled Students**
WV	Proposed 3/97	Allows home-schooled students to participate in public school activities. Title: **HB 2843 - Participation in School Activities for Home-Schooled Students** Source: *StateNet*

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INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS (also see ATTENDANCE)		
AR	Died 2/97	Repeals ACA 6-18-222 (b), which authorizes revocation of driving privileges of minors with excessive unexcused school absences. Title: **HB 1536 - Revocation of Driving Privileges With Unexcused Absences** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Enacted 4/97	Clarifies that high school students being issued driver licenses must present proof of their grade-point average for latest semester or similar equivalent permanent grading period. Title: **HB 1939 - Issuance of Drivers License to High School Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 4/97	Seeks to fiscally penalize school districts for graduates who need remedial instruction in English or math provided by University of California, California State University or California Community Colleges. Title: **AB 37 - Fiscal Penalties for School Districts** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Enacted 9/96	Requires superintendent of public instruction to transmit to governor and legislature a plan, as described, for establishment of incentives to improve pupil academic achievement. Would be required to include, but not be limited to, financial and other positive incentives for schools and districts that demonstrate successful academic achievement to implement proposed incentives. Title: **SB 1570 - Incentives for the Improvement of Pupil Academic Achievement** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Provides incentives for recipients of welfare benefits to keep their children in school. Title: **SB 111 - Incentives for Welfare Benefits Recipients** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 6/97	Adds students' performance on Delaware State Testing Program to evaluation criteria for Scholarship Incentive Program, B. Bradford Barnes Memorial Scholarship and Herman M. Holloway Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund; ensures that student performance in relationship to state academic standards is important component of major state higher education assistance programs. Title: **SB 126 - Criteria for Scholarship Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 5/97	Creates Florida School Recognition Program; provides for incentive program of financial awards for teachers and staff in high-quality schools and for criteria for determining eligibility for awards. Prescribes duties of education commissioner. Title: **SB 2168 - School Recognition Program** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 5/97	Requires motor vehicle department withhold issuing driver's licence to students younger than specified age unless student meets certain requirements; requires Department of Education to adopt procedures for establishing student's eligibility for driver's license. Title: **SB 1564 - Drug Testing of Students** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Vetoed 5/96	Raises required cumulative grade-point average for purposes of school district comprehensive program for pupil progression, high school graduation and participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities. Title: **HB 1041 - Raises Required Cumulative Grade-Point Average** Source: *StateNet*

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FL	Enacted 8/96	Clarifies term "jeopardized academic progress" in relation to removing benefits for dependent child or teenager; requires recipients to attend school conference each grading period regarding child's academic problems and educational progress; clarifies provisions of family cap in terms of time periods of receipt in relation to child's birth. Title: **FAC 10C-1.520 - Learnfare** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Enacted 96	Awards 5% salary increase to any person currently teaching in Georgia public school, who holds valid Georgia teaching certificate, has completed three years of teaching in Georgia public schools prior to receiving national certification, has not previously received state funds for participating in any certification area in national certification program and has completed prerequisite portfolio of student work and examination, and received national certification. Title: **20-2-212.2 - Salary Increase for Persons Receiving Certification From National Board for Professional Teaching Standards** Source: Georgia Code
GA	Proposed 3/97	Relates to issuance, expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses; requires minors to be enrolled in public or private school, home study or certain other courses of study, or to have graduated from high school or received an equivalency diploma or certificate of high school completion, to be issued a driver's license. Title: **SB 38 - Issuance of Drivers' License** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 4/97	Amends School Code by requiring school boards to establish, implement and enforce policy under which student in grades 9-12, who fails to maintain minimum grade-point average or minimum grade in each course in which he or she is enrolled or both, is suspended from further participation in athletic or extracurricular activities for specified period of time or until specified minimum grade-point average is earned. Title: **HB 1327 - Suspension from Athletic or Extracurricular Activities** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Died 6/97	Requires continued school enrollment and a 2.0 grade-point average to have and maintain driver's license. Title: **SB 952 - Incentives for Driver's License** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 5/97	Regulates issuance of junior operators' licenses; provides that junior operator's license shall not be issued to minor who cannot furnish documentation satisfactory to the registrar that he is graduate of accredited high school or enrolled in accredited high school, or is excused from attending for reasons beyond control; provides that principal shall report to registrar of motor vehicles name and address of each student who drops out of school. Title: **HB 3898 - Issuance of Driver's License** Source: *StateNet*
MD	Enacted 96	Calls for, to the extent funds are provided in the state budget, for state superintendent annually to distribute recognition awards to elementary and middle schools that show substantial improvement toward meeting standards of Maryland School Performance Program. State board is responsible for establishing guidelines for determination of eligibility for and distribution of awards under this program. Title: **5-203.3 - School Performance Program Standards Improvement Awards** Source: Maryland Code

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MD	Died 4/97	Establishes school attendance classification of individuals between ages 15 and 18 years who may not participate in driver's education course or apply for or retain learner's permit, provisional driver's license or driver's license; requires principals or other administrators to report to county boards of education and county boards to Motor Vehicle Administration concerning these individuals. Title: **HB 73 - School Attendance and Driver's Education** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Proposed 5/97	Provides that student determined habitually truant may not hold Department of Education, Committee of Education or any school office liable if that student is illiterate; requires secretary of state to suspend habitually truant students driver's license or right to operate vehicle for six months. Title: **SB 386 - Habitually Truant Students** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Died 5/96	Requires Department of Social Services to establish Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program to provide grants for teens to encourage school attendance; requests federal waiver. Title: **HB 5885 - Establishment of AFDC Program** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Died 6/96	Establishes academic requirement base for attending drivers' education. Title: **HB 5924 - Academic Requirement Base for Attending Drivers' Education** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 3/97	Provides eligibility for incentive payment for school districts that adopt recommended core curriculum standards. Title: **HB 4244 - School District Incentives** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Proposed 1/97	Appropriates $47.5 million to Department of Children, Families and Learning, $15.833 million for site merit-pay program and balance for site-based financing aid program, as specified; requires school boards to develop written expectation agreements for each education site and sets agreement requirements; allows agreements to include awarding of additional revenue to sites that meet/exceed levels of improvement; sets dates for number of AFDC pupil units. Title: **HB 314 - Incentives for Exceeded Levels of Improvement in Education** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Appropriate $10 million for learn-and-earn graduation incentives program for at-risk youth. Title: **SB 1092 - Learn-and-Earn Graduation Incentives Program** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Died 6/96	Appropriates funds to reward excellence in teaching. Title: **SB 1454 - Rewards for Excellence in Teaching** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Proposed 4/97	Provides that certain students who drop out of school or do not make progress toward graduation shall not be eligible for driver's licenses. Title: **HB 769 - Incentives for Graduation and Driver's Licenses** Source: *StateNet*
NE	Proposed 1/97	Relates to compulsory attendance by amending various sections and statutes; changes provisions relating to truancy; provides duties, changes provisions relating to and providing for denial of eligibility for motor vehicle operator's licenses and permits as prescribed; changes and provides penalties, harmonizes provisions and repeals original sections. Title: **LB 438 - Incentives** Source: *StateNet*

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NM	Enacted 4/97	Amends Incentives for School Improvement Act to provide financial incentives to schools that exceed expected academic performance; requires State Department of Education to develop formula to measure school achievement in area of academic performance with consideration of socioeconomic variables. ($500,000 is included in Education Appropriation Act.) Title: **SB 1155 - Financial Incentives for School Improvement** Source: New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee
NY	Proposed 2/97	Requires minors to be enrolled in school or graduation equivalent diploma program to receive driver's licenses or learner's permits and requires commissioners of motor vehicle and education to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out such provisions. Title: **AB 3232 - Incentives for Driver's Licenses** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 5/97	Provides $1,000 scholarships as incentive to pass 12th-grade proficiency test and requires that scholarship be paid from the Lottery Profits Education Fund. Title: **HB 443 - 12th-Grade Proficiency Test Scholarship** Source: Ohio School Boards Association
OH	Proposed 3/97	Requires boards of education to adopt rules for high school and junior high school students to take part in interscholastic extracurricular activities and restricts participation in such activities by students not making satisfactory educational progress. Title: **SB 75 - Rules for Extracurricular Activity Participation** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Makes receipt of funds contingent upon school district's students meeting or making progress toward meeting certain performance levels. Title: **HB 249 - School District Incentives** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 6/97	Builds on current literacy incentives which require person under age 18 to be enrolled in school or GED program to obtain driver's license. Effective for driver's licenses issued after January 1, 1998, persons under 18 also must have successfully passed criterion-referenced reading test required for all 8th-grade public school students or an alternative reading proficiency test approved by State Department of Education. Board also must administer test to any student not enrolled in public school. Title: **SB 81** Source: 1997 Session Highlights — Oklahoma House of Representatives
PA	Died 6/96	Amends Vehicles Code by restricting person eligible for operator's licenses who have not graduated from school or who have below C+ average in school. Title: **HB 2684 - Eligibility for Operator's License** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 1/97	Prohibits issuing of driver's licenses to residents under 17 years of age who are not high school graduates or do not have GED certificate or who do not provide documentation that they are properly enrolled in school and in compliance with attendance requirements. Title: **SB 94 - Issuance of Drivers' Licenses** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 2/97	Provides that student who has not passed at least four academic courses may participate in interscholastic activity if he or she needs fewer than four units to receive high school diploma and has passed all academic courses he has taken during the applicable semester. Title: **SB 291 and HB 3440 - Student Participation in Interscholastic Activities** Source: *StateNet*

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TX	Passed 6/96	Establishes new rules concerning extracurricular activities. Establishes definitions, requirements and procedures related to eligibility for, limitations on, and participation in extracurricular activities and competitive athletics. Title: **19 TAC 76.1 - Extracurricular Activities** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Enacted 6/97	Relates to performance incentives for high-performing public schools. Title: **SB 168 - Performance Incentives** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Clarifies educational and procedural requirements for issuance of driver's licenses and learner's permits to minors; requires that requirement that minors under age 15 years/six months demonstrate "good academic standing" to obtain learner's permit is applied to all minors; parental consent for obtaining either learner's permit or driver's license will override this requirement. Title: **HB 2066 - Educational Requirements for Driver's Licenses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/96	Removes requirement that children be in compliance with compulsory school attendance laws to receive assistance. Title: **HB 65 - Compulsory School Attendance and AFDC** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Died 2/97	Establishes Virginia School Efficiency Incentive Reward Program to be administered by Board of Education and Virginia School Efficiency Incentive Reward Fund. Awards incentive grants to public schools and school divisions meeting certain criteria established by board. Grants may be used to reduce pupil-to-teacher ratios and purchase and install technology improvements. Title: **HB 2064 - Incentive Reward Program** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Enacted 5/97	Relates to governor's awards for excellence in teaching history; provides that award is created annually to recognize teachers or public and private nonprofit historical organizations that have organized, conducted, published or offered on consistently exemplary basis, outstanding activities that promote better understanding and appreciation of state's history. Title: **SB 5674 - Governor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching History** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
INSTRUCTION METHODS (also see CURRICULUM)		
AR	Enacted 4/97	Requires summer remedial instruction programs for students in K-3 who do not perform at grade level during regular school year. Title: **HB 1029 - Summer Remedial Instruction Programs** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Died 2/97	Requires summer remedial instruction programs for students in K-3 who do not perform at grade level during regular school year. Title: **SB 357 - Summer Remedial Instruction Programs** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Enacted 3/97	Relates to granting local school districts greater flexibility in purchasing instructional materials. Title: **HB 1283 - Purchase of Instructional Materials** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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AZ	Enacted 4/96	Authorizes Arizona Advisory Council on Environmental Education to award four grants each year, up to $30,000 each, to pay for "environmental education site" for students. Committee of legislators is created to recommend criteria, and legislature itself is to recommend sites. Title: **HB 2569 - Arizona Advisory Council on Environmental Education Grant Program** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 7/96	Creates Class Size Reduction Program to provide funding to school districts to reduce class size in grades K-3 to no more than 20 pupils per certificated teacher; requires superintendent of public instruction apportion to each applicant school district $650 per pupil participating in program, as specified, for class size reduction, provided school district has met requirements. Title: **SB 1777 - Class Size Reduction Program** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Vetoed 9/96	Authorizes school district to include in summer school instructional programs courses for pupils who have not yet graduated that address remediation issues or developmental instruction, or both, and that provide pupils with skills required to eliminate need for remedial coursework at postsecondary level. Requires Department of Education, the University of California Regents and California State University Trustees to prepare report identifying their goals for reducing remedial or developmental instruction. Title: **AB 649 - Remedial Instructional Programs** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 8/97	Requires superintendent of public instruction to develop and submit to governor and legislature an evaluation research design relating Class Size Reduction Program on or before November 1, 1997. Primary purpose is to provide method of assessment for evaluation of pupil outcomes resulting from reducing class size in grades K-3. Title: **AB 354 - Class Size Reduction Program Evaluation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 5/97	Enacts $3 billion 1997 Class Size Reduction and Educational Technology Bond Act. Title: **SB 15 - 1997 Class Size Reduction and Educational Technology Bond Act** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 7/97	Reallocates any unused class size reduction program funds (estimated to be $140 million) to Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding Program. Title: **SB 66 - Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding Program ($140 Million)** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 7/97	Reallocates any unused class size reduction program funds (estimated to be $140 million), and appropriates $10 million in Proposition 98 money, to Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding Program. Title: **AB 89 - Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding Program ($150 Million)** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 7/97	Provides $375 per each pupil enrolled in classes participating in class-size reduction program that have one full-time certificated teacher and one full-time instructional aide per class of not more than 30 pupils. Title: **SB 50 - Class Size Reduction Program** Source: California Association of School Administrators

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CA	Enacted 9/96	Provides that funds allocated pursuant to Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding Program be expended solely for school facilities-related costs associated with implementing Class Size Reduction Program. Amount deducted from school district's next principal apportionment of state funds be equal to amount received by school district for each class district failed to reduce. Title: **SB 1414 - Class Size Reduction Facilities Funding Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 4/96	Appropriates $10 million to public education for purchase of textbooks and instructional materials. Title: **SB 250 - Appropriation for Textbooks and Instructional Materials** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 96	Transfers $200,000 from FY 1996 account, Legislative, Office of Controller General, to Public Education, Pass-Through Programs. Funds to be used for student tutoring and mentoring activities and distributed competitively to K-5 schools to establish programs (such as the HOSTS structured tutoring and other mentoring programs) for students who are academically at risk. Such programs must address: one-on-one tutoring for academically at-risk students, early childhood preventive intervention strategies, mathematics and/or language arts curriculum base, parental involvement, program and student performance evaluation. Grants for individual schools are to be for no more than $30,000. Title: **Section 349 - Transfer of Funds for Student Tutoring and Mentoring Activities** Source: Delaware Code
FL	Died 5/97	Requires academic enrichment activities for specified students. Title: **SB 2256 - Academic Enrichment Activities** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 4/97	Revises provisions regarding district's comprehensive program for pupil progression; requires remedial instruction and retention of students who have not met district- and state-required levels of proficiency; provides student performance standards, instruments and assessment procedures. Title: **HB 1931 - Student Performance Standards and Assessment Procedures** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 5/97	Creates Maximum Class Size Act; provides for certain class sizes in certain grades, for funding and review of statutory mandates. Title: **SB 38 - Class Size Act** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Enacted 6/97	Revises provisions regarding district's comprehensive program for pupil progression; requires remedial instruction and retention of students who have not met district- and state-required levels of proficiency; provides student performance standards, instruments and assessment procedures [became law without governor's signature]. Title: **SB 1956 - Pupil Progression** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Proposed 3/97	Changes the present remedial education program by limiting to student in grades 6-12; presently, remedial education services are available to students in grades 2-5 and 9-12. Title: **SB 332 - Remedial Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
IA	Proposed 4/97	Relates to establishment of class-size reduction weighting program and increasing physical plant and equipment levy limit for eligible school districts. Title: **SB 353 - Class Size Reduction** Source: *StateNet*

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IL	Proposed 3/97	Replaces provisions that require 3rd- and 5th-grade pupils who fall two or more grades below current grade placement on state assessment tests to participate in remediation program developed by school district; 3rd- and 5th-grade students whose composite score on the state assessment tests in reading, writing and math is below statewide standards must enroll in and attend 90 hours of summer school. Title: **HB 1325 - Remediation Programs** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Enacted 4/96	Requires that public schools permit students enrolled in approved equivalent instruction programs to participate in curricular, cocurricular and extracurricular activities. Title: **HB 1327 - Extracurricular Participation** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Authorizes summer school funding for elementary pupils. Title: **HB 1969 - Summer School Funding for Elementary Pupils** Source: *StateNet*
MO	Died 5/97	Creates formula for education appropriations and establishes incentive program for lowering class size in primary grades. General revenue educational appropriations from previous fiscal year plus one-half of total new general revenue funds; continues until appropriations equal or exceed one-third of total state general revenues. Incentive program to lower class size provides $18,000 to each primary grade classroom. Title: **HB 627 - Class Size Incentive Program** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Makes appropriation to Department of Education for funding additional teacher units in grades 1-4 on 1:20 ratio basis for fiscal year 1998. Title: **SB 2081 and SB 2082 - One Teacher Unit Per 20 Pupils in Grades 1-4 for Minimum Education Program Funding** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Proposed 4/97	Appropriates funds to reduce class size in 3rd grade. Title: **HB 864 - Class Size** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Proposed 5/97	Appropriates funds to reduce adult/student ratio in grades K-3. Title: **HB 1218 - Reduction of Class Size in Grades K-3** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Directs State Board of Education to determine which groups of students are likely to score below benchmarks on nationwide tests and to recommend ways to focus resources on addressing needs of those students. Title: **SB 1066 - Implementation of Standards** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 1/97 & 3/97	Creates pilot, Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS), program for marginal students involving parents, teachers and social workers with objective of reducing dropouts and increasing college readiness; provides such program shall be in three school districts, one of which is Kings County; appropriates specified amount of funds. Title: **SB 28 and AB 5873 - Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS) Program** Source: *StateNet*

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OH	Proposed 2/97	Establishes in certain school districts 3rd-Grade Guarantee Program, including provision of all-day kindergarten, reduced classroom teacher-pupil ratios, parent and teacher training programs and family resource centers; makes appropriation. Title: **HB 231 - 3rd-Grade Guarantee Program**
OH	Proposed 2/97	Permits school districts to establish "high academic standards with a helping hand" by authorizing grants to school districts for 4th- and 6th-grade summer school remediation; permits school districts to retain 4th-, 6th- and 8th-grade students for additional year if they fail three of five proficiency tests given in those grades and fail to attend summer school remediation. Title: **HB 237 - High Academic Standards with a Helping Hand**
RI	Proposed 1/97	Permits students who attend private elementary and secondary schools to participate as member of public school team if their private school does not field team in that sport. Title: **HB 5770 - Private School Student Participation in Public School Sport Team** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 2/97	Relate to intensive reading instruction for certain public school students. Title: **HB 926** and **SB 425 - Reading Instruction** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Proposed 2/97	Provides that school district may petition State Board of Education for waiver to use class size reduction money to pay teachers for teaching large classes if district's allocation is insufficient to expand facilities, and class size cannot be reduced due to lack of space in existing facilities. Title: **SB 191 - Class Size** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Requires students who do not pass literacy tests required to obtain Literacy Passport to participate in summer school or after-school remediation programs; requires school boards to establish remediation program standards committees, consisting of administrators, teachers, parents and community at large. Title: **HB 1859 - Remedial Instructional Programs** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Requires Board of Education to establish standards for remedial summer school, including assessment component to evaluate program effectiveness, and by July 1, 1998, standards for full funding of such programs which meet board standards for remedial summer school programs. Title: **HB 2633 - Remedial Summer School** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Establishes Virginia Innovative Remedial Education Program to establish program for innovative options and instructional approaches for remediation of students who are educationally at risk, have failed Literacy Passport Test or been identified for remedial summer school attendance. Title: **SB 1158 - Virginia Innovative Remedial Education Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Proposed 3/97	Establishes mandatory remedial summer school programs. Title: **HB 2518 - Mandatory Remedial Summer School Programs** Source: *StateNet*
WV	Proposed 3/97	Amends and reenacts section in Code of West Virginia relating to placing limits upon maximum class size for integrated classrooms; allows teachers to request additional personnel to assist with integrated instruction. Title: **SB 235 - Maximum Class Size** Source: *StateNet*

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INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION		
CO	Died 2/97	Concerns authorization of school districts to establish corporations to provide extracurricular activities; authorizes school district or Board of Cooperative Services, in cooperation with other school districts, boards of cooperative services or private entities, to establish a for-profit or nonprofit corporation to provide specified extracurricular activities. Title: **HB 1215 - Extracurricular Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Proposed 2/97	Provides for design of new schools to include centers for social, health and family services; provides funding for athletic programs. Title: **HI 2068 - Family Resource Centers** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Proposed 2/97	Creates in Department of Children's Services the Support Our Students (SOS) program to award grants to family resources centers, neighborhood and community-based organizations, and community services agencies so they may provide high-quality after-school activities for school-aged children. Title: **HB 453 and SB 336 - Support for High-Quality After-School Activities** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 8/97	Creates State Board of Communities in Schools and operation and expansion of statewide Communities in Schools program. Title: **SB 1535 - Communities in Schools** Source: *StateNet*
KINDERGARTEN (also see ATTENDANCE)		
AR	Enacted 4/97	Children must have reached age 5 on August 1 (changed from October 1) to be subject to mandatory kindergarten attendance law. Title: **HB 1056 - Kindergarten Entrance Age** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 5/97	Requires that child be admitted to kindergarten at beginning of a school year, or at any time later in same year, if child will have his or her 5th birthday on or before November 1 for 1998-99 school year, on or before October 1 for 1999-2000 school year, and on or before September 1 for 2000-2001 school year, and each school year thereafter. Title: **AB 85 - Kindergarten Admission Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 4/97	Requires that child be admitted during first month of school year if he or she will have 5th birthday on or before December 2 of that school year. Requires that each person between ages 5 and 18 years is subject to compulsory full-time education unless exempted. Title: **SB 893 - Kindergarten Entrance Age** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Proposed 3/97	Requests Department of Education to establish and maintain kindergartens with program of instruction in all school zones, regardless of number of children deemed eligible to attend, as part of public school system. Title: **SCR 119 - Kindergartens in All School Zones** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 4/97	Requests Department of Education to make available checklist of skills, knowledge, attitudes and behaviors that children should have upon entering kindergarten. Title: **HCR 262 - Requirements for Entering Kindergarten** Source: *StateNet*

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IL	Proposed 3/97	Provides that, beginning with 1998-99 school term, children who attain age 5 by December 10 of that school year may attend school upon commencement of term. Title: **HB 1542 - Kindergarten Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
IN	Died 1/97	Relates to compulsory statewide kindergarten. Title: **SB 468 - Kindergarten Education** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 7/97	Provides funding for all-day kindergarten programs in school districts. Title: **SB 241 and HB 4600- Funding for Full-Day Kindergarten Programs** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 7/97	Establishes full or extended kindergarten programs in commonwealth. Title: **HB 1663 and HB 4600 - Kindergarten Programs** Source: *StateNet*
MO	Enacted 6/96	Repeals current law requiring school districts to evaluate readiness for entry into kindergarten or 1st grade of students whose birthdays fall within three months after July 1 cut-off; establishes new "date certain" of August 1. Child must turn age 5 before this date to be eligible to enroll in kindergarten and 6 to enroll in 1st grade. Allows St. Louis and Kansas City districts to establish "date certain" of any specific date between August 1 and October 1. Title: **SB 572 - School Enrollment Age** Source: House Research Staff — MO House of Representatives
NE	Proposed 1/97	Changes provisions relating to kindergarten entrance. Title: **LB 50 - Provisions to Kindergarten Entrance** Source: *StateNet*
NH	Enacted 6/97	Increases aid for kindergarten programs; establishes kindergarten scholarship aid program. Title: **HB 50 - Kindergarten Programs** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 2/97	Requires public school districts to provide kindergartens; ensures that all children entitled to attend public school without payment of tuition have opportunity to attend public kindergarten. Title: **AB 3254 - Public Kindergarten** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 4/97	Authorizes school boards to adopt date earlier than September 30 of year of admission as date by which children must be 5 or 6 years old, respectively, to be admitted to kindergarten or 1st grade. Title: **HB 379 - Admission Date for Kindergarten of First Grade** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Establishes in certain school districts a 3rd-Grade Guarantee Program, including provision of all-day kindergarten, reduced classroom teacher-pupil ratios, parent and teacher training programs, and family resource centers; makes appropriation. Title: **HB 231 - 3rd-Grade Guarantee Program**
PA	Proposed 4/97	Makes kindergarten available to all children residing in school district who are of eligible age. Title: **SB 796 - Kindergarten Education** Source: *StateNet*

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SC	Proposed 4/97	Relates to responsibility of parent or guardian to send their child or ward to school or kindergarten; requires 5-year-old children to attend kindergarten; deletes provisions that make 5-year-old kindergarten optional upon execution of waiver. Title: **HB 3954 - School Age for Kindergarten** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Enacted 6/97	Sets kindergarten age at 5 and mandatory school attendance age at 6 rather than 7; exempts certain home-school or nonpublic school students. Title: **SB 901 - Compulsory School Attendance Age for Kindergarten** Source: *StateNet*
VT	Proposed 2/97	Requires that child be at least 5 years old on or before September 1 to enter public school kindergarten and at least 6 years old to enter public school 1st grade. Title: **HB 261 - Compulsory School Age for Kindergarten and 1st Grade** Source: *StateNet*
LEADERSHIP (also see ADMINISTRATOR/PRINCIPAL)		
NM	Vetoed 3/96	Provides for leadership training and staff development for school leaders. Title: **HB 696 - Leadership Training and Staff Development** Source: *StateNet*
MAGNET SCHOOLS (also see ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION and AT-RISK YOUTH/DROPOUT PREVENTION)		
AZ	Enacted 4/97	Makes appropriation; relates to National Guard of Arizona and powers and duties of adjutant general; requires adjutant general to establish education program for persons under age 20 who dropped out of high school but are not adjudicated delinquent; program to be named Project Challenge and conducted by National Guard in paramilitary environment. Title: **HB 2169 - Educational Programs for Persons Under 20 Who Are At Risk** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Requires parents to pay cost of alternative education programs provided to expelled students to reduce financial burden of such programs on school districts. Title: **SB 38 - Financial Support from Parents for Alternative Educational Programs** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Proposed 1/97	Gives local boards of education authority and responsibility to determine whether placement of expelled student in alternative program presents substantial threat to safety and welfare of students and staff in that program. Title: **HB 83 - Alternative Programs and Their Safety** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 5/97	Establishes study commission to determine need for creating statewide residential math and sciences academy; provides commission membership and duties; requires presentation of findings and recommendations. Title: **SB 1994 - Study Commission for Math and Sciences Academy** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 2/97	Requests provision of alternative education programs for high school students. Title: **SCR 58 - Alternative Education Programs** Source: *StateNet*
ID	Enacted 3/96	Amends existing law to provide that monies generated from computation of support units be used for alternative school programs. Title: **SB 1550 - Funding for Alternative School Programs** Source: *StateNet*

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IL	Proposed 3/97	Creates alternative education grant program to be administered by State Board of Education; grants are to be provided to applicant school districts to operate alternative education programs for troubled students who are potential dropouts. Provides for preference in awarding grants to programs able to assure smaller class sizes and more individual attention for students. Title: **HB 129 - Alternative Educational Grant Program** Source: *StateNet*
IN	Died 1/97	Provides school corporations additional count of 0.50 in state tuition support for students who participate in alternative program. Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules to determine eligibility of programs for additional count. Title: **SB 322 - Alternative Education** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Died 6/97	Requires school system to retain supervision of certain suspended and expelled students using state board-approved alternative education programs. SB 730 mandates provision of alternative programs for disruptive and suspended or expelled students by 1998-99 and clarifies where such programs may be housed. Title: **HB 997 and HB 1097 and SB 730 - Alternative Programs for Disruptive Students** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 1/97	Establishes policy regarding classroom discipline; establishes grant program to develop and evaluate discipline policies; sets criteria for grant eligibility; requires school site, district, etc., to develop plans to establish mediation board; includes plan to remove student violators from classroom; provides alternate education site. Title: **HB 303 - Classroom Discipline** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Provides attendance options to students dismissed from school; amends various statutes; proposes coding for new law. Title: **HB 1231 - Attendance Options for Dismissed Students** Source: *StateNet*
MO	Died 5/97	Establishes for gifted junior and senior high school students Governor's Academy for Computers, Science and Mathematics at Northwest Missouri State University. Purpose is to encourage high school students to enroll in math and science programs in college to reduce state shortage of professionals in these areas. Students will earn college course credit while completing high school. Title: **HB 704 - Establishment of Governor's Academy for Computers, Science and Mathematics** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/96	Requires each school district to maintain and operate alternative school program beginning with 1997-98 school year; requires facilities housing such programs to comply with same standards applicable to other district facilities; provides that school districts failing to operate alternative school program shall not be entitled to additional allotment. Title: **HB 23 and HB 108 - Alternative School Programs** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Creates alternative education program for at-risk youth. Title: **HB 920 - Alternative Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
ND	Enacted 4/97	Provides for reimbursement of certain school districts having alternative high schools. Title: **HB 1051 - Alternative Education** Source: *StateNet*

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NY	Proposed 4/97	Requires school districts to establish alternative settings for disruptive students in separate rooms or buildings; allows principals to suspend students; allows teachers to remove disruptive students from their class for up to five days and extends to 10 days period student may be suspended without full hearing by principal or other school official. Title: **SB 5232 - Alternative Settings for Disruptive Students** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Establishes six-year pilot project in one county to test effects on state education system of permitting operation of community schools; makes appropriation. Title: **HB 167 - Community Schools Pilot Project**
OK	Enacted 4/96	Relates to alternative education; allows for abbreviated school day and alternative teacher certification standards for certain facilities. Title: **HB 2563 - Alternative Education** Source: *StateNet*
OK	Enacted 5/97	Relates to Alternative Education Academy Grants. Title: **HB 1458 - Alternative Education Academy Grants** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Proposed 4/97	Provides for education programs for disruptive students. Title: **SB 785 - Education Programs for Disruptive Students** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 1/97	Provides for specified duties and responsibilities of district governing board in regard to certain suspended or expelled students, including requirement for alternative education programs for these students; provides for waivers and exceptions, and duties and responsibilities of State Department of Education and state superintendent of education in regard to above. Title: **HB 3114 - Alternative Education Programs** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Enacted 5/96	Authorizes pilot alternative school program for K-12 in three systems of 7,000 or less to determine most effective methods. Appropriates $25,000 for each program. Title: **SB 2563 - Authorizes Pilot Alternative School Program** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Proposed 2/97	Authorizes establishment, under rules to be promulgated by state board of education, of charter-form alternative schools for disciplined students. Title: **SB 335 - Alternative Schools for Disciplined Students** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Proposed 2/97	Empowers state board of education to contract with private or government enterprise to operate alternative schools. Title: **SB 875 - Privatization of Alternative Schools** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 8/97	Relate to certain students expelled from public school or ordered to attend juvenile justice alternative education program. Title: **SB 410 and HB 351 - Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Repeals sections of 1993 Acts which relate to educating suspended, excluded or expelled students. Title: **HB 1936 - Suspension, Exclusion and Expulsion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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MENTORING		
CT	Died 6/97	**Provides incentive to college students to contribute time to disadvantaged schools and thus increase instructional assistance available to such schools.** Title: **HB 5008 - Incentives to Postsecondary Students for Their Time for Community Services** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 96	Transfers $200,000 from FY 1996 account, Legislative, Office of Controller General, to Public Education, Pass-Through Programs. Funds to be used for student tutoring and mentoring activities and distributed competitively to schools enrolling grades K-5 to establish programs (such as the HOSTS structured tutoring and other mentoring programs) for academically a-risk students. Such programs must address: one-on-one tutoring; early childhood preventive and intervention strategies; mathematics and/or language arts curriculum base; parental involvement; program and student performance evaluation. Grants for individual schools are to be no more than $30,000. Title: **Section 349 - Transfer of Funds for Student Tutoring and Mentoring Activities** Source: Delaware Code
HI	Proposed 2/97	Requests Office of Youth Services to develop program that pairs college students with delinquent youths to track their progress and serve as mentors and role models. Title: **SCR 17 - Development of a Program for Mentors and Role Models** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Active 9/96	In conjunction with Governor's Education Summit in Lansing, Michigan, Michigan Department of Education and state board announced statewide mentoring/tutorial initiative called Alliance for Children's Education. In letter to all business leaders and school superintendents, Michigan Department of Education wrote, "The HOSTS Program, which has had great success in Michigan in improving math and reading for children, will be the foundation of the initiative. It has been pre-approved by the Michigan Department of Education for use in Title I and 31a 'at risk' programs. The business community, and particularly the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, is very familiar with this program and has endorsed its use by members as an effective program for helping children improve their academic performance." Title: **Alliance for Children's Education (ACE)** Source: HOSTS Corporation's September 10, 1996, Press Release
MN	Proposed 2/97	Provides income-tax credit for participation in mentoring programs sponsored by nonprofit 501 (c) (3) corporations to provide individual tutoring, coaching or education to children under age 18 on academic subjects, values or social skills; excludes athletic programs; allows credit equal to 50% of qualified expenses for admissions, supplies, meals, mileage, etc. or $250. Title: **SB 883 - Income Tax Credit for Mentoring** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 1/97 & 3/97	Creates pilot Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS) Program for marginal students involving parents, teachers and social workers; objective to reduce dropouts and increase college readiness; provides for such program in three school districts, one of which is Kings County; appropriates funds. Title: **SB 28 and AB 5873 - Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS) Program** Source: *StateNet*
MINORITY ISSUES		
MD	Enacted 4/97	Creates state debt not to exceed specified amount, with matching fund requirement; proceeds to be used as grant to board of directors of Raising Hispanic Achievement, Inc. to acquire, repair and renovate facility near Montgomery Blair High School to be used for academic counseling of Hispanic students, including career development programs, course reviews and project management. Title: **HB 1442 - Raising Hispanic Achievement, Inc.** Source: *StateNet*

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NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS (also see VOUCHERS)		
IN	Enacted 5/97	Allows nonpublic school students to have Advanced Placement tests paid for by state. Title: **SB 6 - Budget Bill** Source: Indiana Department of Education
PARENT/FAMILY (also see AT-RISK YOUTH/DROPOUT PREVENTION, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT and DISCIPLINE)		
AR	Died 3/97	Provides bill of rights for parents whose children are enrolled in public schools. Title: **SB 592 - Parental Bill of Rights** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AR	Enacted 4/97	Establishes pilot program for state agencies to provide employees with time off to attend parent/teacher conferences and school performances of their children. Title: **SB 673 - Pilot Program for Parents To Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 8/97	Requires school development plans to describe opportunities for parents to participate in professional staff development programs; requires such programs to include instruction on how teachers, administrators and other school staff can work with families to ensure pupils succeed in school; requires total number of staff development days, activities and other matters pertaining to time of those activities, be determined in consultation with parents and guardians. Title: **AB 1001 - Parental Involvement** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CT	Died 6/97	Establishes procedures to improve parent and community involvement in schools; improves parent-teacher conferences during normal work hours; expands adult education activities and funding; requires boards of education to conduct audits on use of school facilities to maximize student learning and community use. Title: **SB 1201 - Parent and Community Involvement in Schools**
DE	Died 5/96	Requests employers to allow employees reasonable opportunity to attend school conferences scheduled to discuss student disciplinary problems. Title: **HCR 57 - Opportunity for Parents to Attend School Conferences** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 6/96	Requires parent or legal guardian of pupil be notified if pupil is victim of criminal conduct or found to possess controlled substance, dangerous instrument or deadly weapon on school property. Title: **HB 651- Criminal Conduct of Pupils be Notified to Parents** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 1/97	Clarifies that parents of unmarried minor child be held jointly and severely liable for damage to real or personal property, whether publicly or privately owned, caused by the minor as result of graffiti, vandalism, defacement or other destruction of property. Title: **SB 127 - Parental Liability for Damage to Property** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Enacted 7/97	Requires Department of Education to inform all parents and guardians of student code of conduct and their responsibility for their children's compliance; requires department to assist and advise parents and guardians in meeting their responsibilities. Title: **SB 26 - Student Code of Conduct** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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LA	Died 6/97	Requires employers to allow employees leave to attend their children's conferences or classroom activities; prohibits employer from penalizing employee who attends such school activities. Title: **SB 633 - Provision To Allow Leave to Employees for Their Children's Conferences or Classroom Activities** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Enacted 8/96	Enhances parent outreach. Title: **HB 4979 - Parent Outreach** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Enacted 6/97	Establishes task force to study strategies to support parents as children's first teachers. Title: **HB 1287 - Parents as Children's First Teacher** Source: *StateNet*
ND	Enacted 4/97	Relates to compensatory time for parent-teacher conferences. Title: **HB 1055 - Compensatory Time for Parent-Teacher Conferences** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Proposed 1/97	Enacts Parent and Pupil Rights Act whereby all instructional material used in connection with any "psychiatric or psychological research or experimentation program or project" in elementary or secondary schools shall be available for inspection by parents or guardians of affected children. Title: **AB 1386 - Parental Rights** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 2/97	(Concurrent Resolution) Proposes constitutional amendment to create provision for right of parents to direct their children's upbringing and education. Title: **AB 3338 - Parental Rights Constitutional Amendment** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Establishes in certain school districts a 3rd-Grade Guarantee Program, including provision of all-day kindergarten, reduced classroom teacher-pupil ratios, parent and teacher training programs; and family resource centers; makes an appropriation. Title: **HB 231 - 3rd-Grade Guarantee Program**
PA	Proposed 5/97	Establishes parents' rights to be informed of and participate in their children's education. Title: **HB 1466 - Parental Rights in Education of Their Children** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 1/97	Provides that employee may be granted by his or her employer specified amount of additional paid leave each year to attend certain elementary and secondary school conferences or activities during work hours; employers entitled to specified state income tax deduction for these activities. Title: **HB 3116 - Employer Granting Employees Paid Leave for Attending School Activities** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Enacted 6/97	Provides for parental review and inspection, during school office hours, of all teachers' manuals, films, tapes, computer programs and networks, technological instructional materials and any material which is to be used by, viewed by or made available to students, without limitation. Title: **HB 1344 - Parental Review and Inspection** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Requires that parental involvement components of at-risk 4-year-old programs include activities to promote family literacy. Sets out equity initiatives established in 1995. Title: **HB 2312/SB 932 - Family Literacy** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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WA	Proposed 1/97	Establishes programs which require students to conform to dress code and parents to participate in students' education. Title: **SB 5117 - Parent Participation and School Uniforms** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 4/97	Strengthens parents' rights in education. Title: **HB 1845 - Parents' Rights in Education** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Vetoed 5/97	Requires notification before school conducts certain student tests, questionnaires, surveys, analyses or evaluations. Title: **HB 1085 - Notification Before Student Tests, Questionnaires, Surveys, Analyses or Evaluations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Proposed 3/97	Relates to personal leave by granting four hours of leave per year per child for regular full-time public education employees to participate in school conferences. Title: **HB 2410 - Personal Leave for School Conference** Source: *StateNet*
POSTSECONDARY (also see GOVERNANCE and SECONDARY EDUCATION)		
CT	Died 6/97	Prevents veterans and other students who are 62 years of age or older from being denied admission to Connecticut State University. Title: **HB 5498 and HB 5501 - Postsecondary Admission Accessibility** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Died 6/96	Modifies Delaware Higher Education Access Program to require students seeking to participate to have demonstrated level of knowledge and ability which meets or exceeds recently adopted state standards in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Title: **SB 469 - Implementation of Standards for Postsecondary Education** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Enacted 4/97	Concerns student readiness for postsecondary education and employment; provides for end-of-high-school destinations and progressions; makes course requirements; provides for conversion of credits, duties of Department of Education and legislative intent. Title: **HB 197 - Postsecondary Readiness** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 11/96	Requires institutions to meet minimum requirements for use of "college" or "university" within one year of approval to use the name, and to have primarily college-level courses and student enrollments. Title: **FAC 6E-1.0045 - Minimum Standards for Use of Term "College" or "University"** Source: *StateNet*
KY	Enacted 5/97	Directs Council on Higher Education or its successor to review policies of higher education institutions for identification and placement of students in remedial and developmental courses; makes recommendation for establishing statewide standard. Title: **HJR 6 - Identification and Placement of Remedial Needs in Postsecondary Institutions** Source: *StateNet*

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LA	Died 6/97	Constitutional amendment requires legislature to establish and fund community college system by July 1, 1999; specifies nature of system and submission of proposition to voters. Title: **SB 157 - Constitutional Amendment on Funding Community Colleges** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Died 3/97	Relates to constitutional amendment that creates and provides single board for governance and management of public postsecondary education. Title: **SB 334 - Governance and Management of Public Postsecondary Education** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Died 7/96	Authorizes state university trustees to permit persons age 60 and over to take courses for credit without tuition, as well as to audit courses. Title: **AB 11268 - Authorization to Persons Age 60 or Over To Take Courses for Credit Without Tuition** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 8/97	Relates to evaluation and improvement of remedial academic programs in public institutions of higher education. Title: **HB 402 - Evaluation and Improvement of Remedial Programs** Source: *StateNet*
PRIVATIZATION		
CO	Died 2/97	Concerns authorization of school districts to establish corporations to provide extracurricular activities; authorizes school district or board of cooperative services, in cooperation with other school districts, boards of cooperative services or private entities, to establish for-profit or nonprofit corporation to provide specified extracurricular activities. Title: **HB 1215 - Extracurricular Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Proposed 1/97	Authorizes school boards to contract with public or private entities to provide instructional and noninstructional services; reduces boards' administrative duties; authorizes boards to reorganize district administration under Chapter 317A as nonprofit entity; contracts with reorganized administration for services; removes nonprofit requirement for entities providing services under contract with school district. Title: **HB 309 - Privatization** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Proposed 2/97	Empowers State Board of Education to contract with private or government enterprise to operate alternative schools. Title: **SB 875 - Privatization of Alternative Schools** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Passed 6/96	Allows school and Institutional Trust Lands Administration flexibility in setting sublease fees for telecommunication site leases; allows them to charge telecommunication site subleases current fair market rental of premises. Title: **R850-30-100 to 1200 - Special Use Leases** Source: *StateNet*

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RELIGION		
KY	**Proposed** 7/96	**Prohibits school personnel from denying students privilege of praying during noninstructional time. Specifies prayer must be student-initiated and voluntary.** Title: **BR 21 - Religious Practice** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Enacted 4/97	Provides that school curriculum may include religious matters when properly included in course of study. Title: **SB 2655 - Religious Matters in School Curriculum** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Proposed 5/97	Amends present law so as to ensure evolution is not taught as fact in public school system. Title: **HB 511 - Evolution Not To Be Taught** Source: *StateNet*
NM	Enacted 4/97	Amends provision of law regarding excusing students from school to participate in religious instruction. Title: **HB 107 - Student Excusal for Religious Instruction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Proposed 2/97	Provides for public school students to be excused from class to attend off-campus religious instruction and requirements that must be met before students are excused for this purpose; provides that students attending this instruction are not considered absent from school; provides that district board of trustees shall develop policy that provides reasonable parameters for release time. Title: **SB 339 - Practice of Religion** Source: *StateNet*
SAFETY/CRIME/VIOLENCE (see ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION and DISCIPLINE)		
SCHEDULING (SCHOOL CALENDAR)		
AR	**Passed** 5/96	**Prescribes how local education agencies will ensure provision of summer school for K-5 students.** Title: **K-5 Summer Supplemental Instructional Program** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Vetoed 9/96	Authorizes school districts to provide for pupils who have not yet graduated summer school courses that address remediation issues or developmental instruction, or both, and that provide pupils with skills required to eliminate need for remedial coursework at postsecondary level. Requires Department of Education, University of California Regents and California State University Trustees to prepare report identifying their goals for reducing remedial or developmental instruction. Title: **AB 649 - Remedial Instructional Programs** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 7/97	Declares legislature's intent to increase number of days in school year by providing funding to school districts to conduct staff development activities, as specified. Requires superintendent of public instruction to provide each eligible school district with staff development allowance of $220 per day for each certificated district employee who participates in staff development. Title: **SB 85 - Instructional Time** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CT	Died 6/97	Provides additional instructional time in public schools. Title: **SB 39, SB 41 and SB 74 - Additional Time for Instruction in the Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*

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HI	Enacted 6/96	Relates to summer schools and financing. Title: **HB 3434 - Summer Schools and Financing** Source: *StateNet*
KY	Enacted 2/96	Clarifies that, for purposes of calculating allowable length of lunch duty, teacher's noninstructional time does not include time teacher must be at school prior to student's instructional day; permits commissioner of education, as opposed to state board, to approve program of less than six hours for students with disabilities and children attending primary school; relates to school term instructional days and to truancy. Title: **HB 100 - School Day Provisions** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Enacted 5/97	Changes school calendar; relates to vacation and training days for teachers. Title: **HB 1275 - School Calendar** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Proposed 1/97	Requires school year to start after Labor Day. Title: **HB 4190 - School Calendar** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Proposed 1/97	Repeals law prohibiting schools from starting prior to Labor Day. Title: **SB 220 - Scheduling of School Year** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 2/97	Repeals after Labor Day school-year start date and other provisions. Title: **SB 570 - Scheduling School Year** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Authorizes summer school funding for elementary pupils. Title: **HB 1969 - Summer School Funding for Elementary Pupils** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Enacted 6/97	Requires that, beginning with 1998-99 school year, school district calendars must be three days longer than number of days of student instruction adopted by district at beginning of 1996-97 school year. Title: **HB 1 and SB 1 - School District Calendar** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Died 5/97	Eliminates specified opening date for school term. Currently, schools must not open before September 1, except in districts where school operates year-round and where agricultural exemption for earlier start is granted. Title: **HB 594 - Scheduling School Year** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Requires all school district school day hours to be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Title: **HB 708 - School Day** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 5/97	Allows school districts to schedule regular school sessions during July and August, without being penalized by loss of state aid, to provide more flexible programming based on individual pupil needs and to maximize use of school facilities. Title: **AB 5022 - School Calendar** Source: New York School Boards Association

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OH	Proposed 2/97	Permits school districts to establish "high academic standards with a helping hand" by authorizing grants for 4th- and 6th-grade summer school remediation and permits school districts to retain 4th-, 6th- and 8th-grade students for additional year if they fail three of five proficiency tests given in those grades and fail to attend summer school remediation. Title: **HB 237 - High Academic Standards with a Helping Hand**
SC	Enacted 3/97	(Joint Resolution) Relates to summer program. Title: **SB 525 - Summer Program** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 8/97	Relates to first instructional day of school year for public school students. Title: **SB 433/HB 1219 - Schedule of School Year** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Enacted 3/97	Provides for four-day school week pilot program in selected rural high schools, program components, evaluation, termination. Title: **HB 341 - Four-Day School Week Pilot Program** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Enacted 4/97	Allows for pilot program summer term in secondary school. Provides students option for acceleration, remediation and enrichment; participation voluntary for students, parents and teachers. Title: **HB 35 - Summer School for Secondary Students** Source: Utah Education Association
VA	Enacted 3/97	Requires State Board of Education to establish standards for remedial summer school, including assessment component to evaluate program effectiveness, and, by July 1, 1998, standards for full funding of programs that meet board standards for remedial summer school programs. Title: **HB 2633 - Remedial Summer School** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SCHOOL		
AZ	Enacted 1/97	Provides that each school shall establish school council; states that governing board may delegate to council responsibility to develop curriculum and any additional powers necessary to accomplish decentralization; states that council shall reflect ethnic composition of local community. Title: **SB 1123 - Establishment of School Council** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 97	Reflects survival of earlier concept of School Infrastructure Trust Fund, which failed. Idea survived and became law as part of larger education facility package, HB 2121 (chapter 97-265, Laws of Florida), and was funded as School Infrastructure Thrift (SIT) program. From funds appropriated to SIT program, commissioner of education may award participating districts up to 20% of cost of educational facility that adheres to program's frugal construction requirements. FY1997-98 General Appropriations Act provided $50 million for SIT. Title: **School Infrastructure Thrift (SIT) Facilities Funding** Source: Legislative Analyst, Senate Education Committee
GA	Died 3/96	Requires new school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1997, to be equipped with seat belts for passengers. Title: **HB 1307 - Seat Belts on Buses** Source: Education Leaders Council, Spring 1996, *Legislative Trends*, p. 12

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IL	Vetoed 12/96	Creates School Land Dedication and School Facility Impact Fee Act; provides for school districts to impose land dedication or facility impact fee programs or both when new development creates need or identifiable portion of need for new school grounds or facilities. Prohibits charter school from applying for or accepting grants from Goals 2000 funding without school board approval. Title: **HB 226 - School Land Dedication Programs Placed on Calendar of Amendatory Veto** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Died 6/96	Establishes School Facilities Trust Fund to provide funds for grants to counties for public school capital outlay projects to promote equity in local school facilities and reduce pressure on local property tax. Title: **HB 1104 and SB 1133 - School Facilities** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Died 6/96	Makes permanent requirement that counties use part of two half-cent local sales tax proceeds only for public school buildings. Title: **SB 1136 - Usage of Local Sales Tax for Public School Buildings** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 6/96	Increases cigarette tax for constitutionally dedicated purpose of providing increased public school districts facilities aid to provide thorough-and-efficient system of free public schools. Title: **AB 2157 - Increased School Facilities by Increasing Cigarette Tax** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 6/96	Amends state constitution to dedicate cigarette tax increase for increased public school facilities. Title: **ACR 1/SCR 88 - Increased School Facilities by Increasing Cigarette Tax** Source: *StateNet*
NV	Enacted 6/97	Revises provisions governing review of plans for school facilities; authorizes school districts to enter into lease agreements for school facilities with option to purchase facilities; requires district board of trustees in certain counties to establish oversight panels for school facilities. Title: **AB 353 - Financing of School Facilities** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 1/97	Authorizes New York City Board of Education to limit enrollment at Eastern District High School to 2,400 students and subdivides such school into three separate houses of 800 students each; provides that should such school remain on registration review list for more than four years after implementation; commissioner may remove responsibility from city board to another entity. Title: **AB 1512 - School Size** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 4/97	Makes adult entertainment establishments, located within 500 feet of residential area, house of worship or school, public nuisances in City of New York. Title: **SB 4921 - Location of Adult Entertainment Establishments** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 1/97	Allows advertising on school buses. Title: **HB 73 - School Bus Advertising**
RI	Enacted 2/97	Authorizes City of Newport to finance construction, equipping and furnishing of new middle school. Title: **SB 85 - Financing School Facilities** Source: *StateNet*

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SCHOOL BOARDS (also see GOVERNANCE and SCHOOL DISTRICTS/SYSTEMS)		
HI	**Proposed** 1/97	Changes public high school student member on Board of Education to be voting member; proposes to amend state constitution. Title: **SB 813 - School Board Member** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 1/97	Creates incentive for schools that comply with new members of school board participating in certain professional development programs. Title: **HB 4148 - School Board Member Professional Development** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Enacted 4/97	Revises duties of elected school officials; provides school district trustees with greater flexibility in determining pupil instruction time; eliminates need for superintendent of public instruction to approve kindergarten variances for required hours of instruction, pupil instruction days and adult education programs operated by school district; authorizes board of trustees to declare emergency in district. Title: **SB 71 - Revision of Duties of Elected School Officials** Source: *StateNet*
NM	Enacted 4/97	Amends School Election Law to require that school board candidate physically reside in district for which he or she is candidate. Title: **School Board Candidate Requirement** Source: New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee
OH	Proposed 3/97	Places on ballot of school district operating under federal court order question of reorganizing board of education to consist of five members elected from subdistricts; three members appointed by mayor, city legislative authority and board of county commissioners, respectively; one member appointed by parent organizations; and one nonvoting student member and provides for reorganization if majority of electors vote yes. Title: **HB 290 - School Board Organization**
OH	Proposed 3/97	Places on ballot of school district operating under federal court order question of reorganizing board of education to consist of three members elected at large, four members elected from subdistricts and six members appointed by mayor or presiding municipal court judge of municipal corporation; provides for reorganization and specifies certain duties and powers of board if majority of electors vote yes. Title: **HB 307 - School Board Organization**
UT	Vetoed 3/97	Changes election of state school board members from current nomination/selection by governor and election process to direct election. Title: **SB 40 - State School Board Election Procedures** Source: Utah Education Association
SCHOOL DISTRICTS/SYSTEMS (also see SCHOOL BOARDS)		
CO	Died 4/97	Concerns strengthening prohibition against use of tobacco at schools; limits school district board's authority to exempt school property within district from prohibition against use of tobacco products on school property. Title: **HB 1147 - Use of Tobacco at Schools** Source: Colorado Association of School Boards
FL	Proposed 6/97	Amends state constitution; allows counties with 45,000 or more students to be divided into two or more school districts, subject to local voter referendum approval; requires calculation of funding to be calculated countywide, except for millage voted for bonded indebtedness. Title: **HJR 51 - School District Consolidation and Funding** Source: *StateNet*

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MS	Died 2/97	Provides for annexation to municipality of territory in adjacent school district; provides for board of arbitration in event agreement cannot be reached between school districts; provides that whenever any annexation becomes effective subsequent to July 1 of any fiscal year, annexed territory shall remain under jurisdiction of former school district until end of fiscal year. Title: **SB 2074 and SB 2080 - Municipal Annexation Extension Across County Lines** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Allows voters to create home-rule school districts. Title: **HB 186 - Home-Rule School Districts**
OH	Proposed 3/97	Places on ballot of municipal school district question of having Board of Education remain organized as it is, reorganizing it as nine-member board appointed by mayor or reorganizing it in accordance with petition submitted by electors; provides for mayoral appointed board if electors choose that option. Title: **HB 226 - Municipal Board Organization** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
OH	Proposed 3/97	Places on November 4, 1997, ballot in any city school district reporting average daily membership exceeding 70,000 question of having State Board of Education divide district into five separate city school districts; provides for division and election of new school boards if electors approve question. Title: **HB 178 - School District Organization**
SC	Proposed 4/97	Provides that state school districts must be of certain minimum size based on student enrollment; provides procedures necessary to consolidate districts that fall below this minimum size. Title: **HB 4019 - School Districts Consolidation** Source: *StateNet*
SD	Enacted 3/96	Provides for consideration of nontaxable property when making boundary changes to school district. Title: **HB 1301 - Boundary Changes and Nontaxable Property** Source: *StateNet*
SECONDARY EDUCATION (also see CURRICULUM)		
AK	Enacted 5/97	Requires students to pass competency test in reading, English, math, science and social science to receive high school diploma. Title: **HB 146 - Competency Testing Requirements for Secondary Students** Source: Alaska Legislature
AK	Proposed 5/97	Establishes performance standards for elementary and secondary students; requires high school graduation examination. Title: **HB 275 - Performance Standards** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Enacted 2/97	Permits high school students who have earned number of credits required for graduation by local school district to graduate without regard to grade level student is enrolled in when credits earned. Title: **HB 1060 - Graduation Credits** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 4/97	Provides that Arizona Board of Regents, in consultation with State Board of Education and other education groups, develop program to award honors endorsements to be affixed to high school diplomas of qualifying high school pupils and included in those pupils' transcripts. Title: **HB 2161 - Honors Endorsements for High School Diplomas** Source: *StateNet*

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CA	Proposed 7/97	Requires governing boards of school districts maintaining grades 9-12 to offer pupils opportunity to receive credit toward satisfying elective requirement for graduation by performing community service at specified entities. Title: **AB 189 - Community Service Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 7/97	Increases current graduation requirement by requiring that pupils complete one course in visual or performing arts and one course in foreign language instead of one or the other, commencing with 2002-03 school year. Title: **AB 365 - Graduation Requirements** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CT	Died 6/97	Requires students to complete one credit hour in algebra and one credit hour in U.S. history to receive high school diploma. Title: **HB 5368 - High School Graduation Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Requires students to pass exit examination before graduating from high school and expands school year by three days so examinations do not result in lost class time. Title: **HB 5713 - Exit Exams for High School Graduation** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 4/97	Provides for education commissioner to adopt rules regarding student performance standards; revises requirements of school district testing programs; requires intensive reading instruction under certain circumstances; raises required cumulative grade-point average for 9th graders entering during 1997-98 school year and thereafter; revises high school grading system; requires adoption of guidelines regarding dual enrollment, etc. Title: **HB 1007 - Student Performance Standards** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 5/97	Requires inclusion of student postsecondary preparedness information in manuals and handbooks; provides requirements for college-ready diploma program; requires implementation strategies for reducing incidence of postsecondary remediation; provides for promotion of "tech-prep" activities; requires administration of common placement test or equivalent test during 10th grade. Title: **SB 1404 - Students and Postsecondary Preparedness** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Enacted 4/97	Concerns student performance standards; provides for rulemaking; concerns district testing and concerns graduation requirements, including GPA; concerns credit for certain courses, articulated acceleration, postsecondary placement testing, requirements for interscholastic extracurricular participation; requires higher-level mathematical concept instruction; concerns teacher training and student assessment programs. Title: **SB 458** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Vetoed 5/96	Raises required cumulative grade-point average for purposes of school district comprehensive program for pupil progression, high school graduation and participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities. Title: **HB 1041 - Raises Required Cumulative Grade-point Average** Source: *StateNet*
IA	Proposed 4/97	Relates to schools that may be placed on special accredited list of college preparatory schools. Title: **HB 148 - College Preparatory Schools** Source: *StateNet*

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LA	Passed 6/96	Recognizes and affirms legislative support of Southern Regional Education Board's "High Schools That Work" initiative and urges governor, superintendent of education, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, local school boards and business community to do same. Title: **HCR 95 - Recognition of Exemplary Programs in Secondary Education** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Enacted 6/97	Allows postsecondary institutions that determine, based on results of standardized 8th-grade test, that students are not prepared for college-level courses and need remedial courses to "bill back" to the student's school district all fees necessary to provide those courses, unless high school can show student did meet basis skill requirements. Title: **HB 1 and SB 1 - Postsecondary Institutions "Bill Back" School District for Remedial Courses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Makes state's graduation rule applicable to all children required to receive instruction under compulsory attendance law. Title: **HB 1932 - Standards for Graduation and Compulsory Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
NM	Vetoed 3/97	Authorizes local school boards to grant high school diplomas to students who fulfill individualized education programs. Title: **HB 742/SB 472 - Individual Education Programs and High School Diplomas** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Proposed 4/97	Establishes voluntary 13th school year program for students pursuing both academic and occupational options in their secondary education program. Title: **SB 4575/A 5428- Academic and Occupational Options in Secondary Education Program** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 1/97	Requires one unit of study in economics for high school graduation. Title: **HB 157 - Graduation Requirements** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
OH	Proposed 2/97	Provides college tuition grants to students who earn high school diploma in fewer than eight semesters. Title: **HB 270 - College Tuition Grants** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
OH	Proposed 1/97	Permits student to receive diploma who has not passed all portions of statewide proficiency test required for receipt of high school diploma, provided student meets certain criteria during final year of high school; requires that results of proficiency tests be recorded on student's permanent record. Title: **SB 4 - Graduation Requirement Exceptions**
OR	Died 3/97	Requires school districts to grant credit toward graduation for completion of required courses, regardless of student's grade level. Title: **SB 918 - Credit for Completion of Required Courses** Source: *StateNet*
OR	Enacted 3/97	Modifies implementation timeline for Certificate of Advanced Mastery; directs Department of Education to establish pilot programs; allows department to provide technical assistance to school districts. Title: **HB 3031 - Certificate of Advanced Mastery** Source: *StateNet*

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OR	Died 6/97	Directs school to implement program of Certificate of Initial Mastery and Certificate of Advanced Mastery Program; directs Department of Education to implement statewide assessment system for school districts that implement diploma program. Title: **SB 1128 - Assessment System for Diploma Program** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Passed 11/96	Sets out units required for graduation, provisions for granting credit, exit exam requirements, requirements for equivalency diploma and GED testing. Title: **SCAC 43-259 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Passed 11/96	Sets out basic high school program, including subjects, number of courses, periods weekly, minimum minutes, etc.; amends and incorporates many provisions found in Defined Minimum Program; allows for greater local control and flexibility in school operation. Title: **SCAC 43-232 - Basic Program for Grades 9-12** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Enacted 5/97	Approves regulations of Department of Education relating to graduation requirements. Title: **SB 512 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Proposed 2/97	Allows students who are native speakers of languages other than English to complete graduation requirements for university preparatory curriculum without taking foreign language courses, provided oral and written proficiency in native language can be documented. Title: **TAC 0520-1-3-.05 - State Curriculum; Foreign Language Courses** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Passed 5/96	Establishes new rules concerning curriculum requirements; provides for high school graduation requirements, recommended high school program, distinguished achievement program and academic achievement record (transcript). Title: **19 TAC 74.11 through 74.14 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Clarifies that all pupils, including those who transfer from nonpublic schools, must pass Literacy Passport Test to obtain high school diploma. Title: **HB 1960 - Literacy Passport Test** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Enacted 4/97	Relates to high school credit equivalencies. Title: **HB 1202 - High School Credit Equivalencies** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SEXUAL HARASSMENT		
OR	Enacted 6/97	Relates to State Board of Education to adopt minimum requirements for school district policies on sexual harassment of students. Title: **HB 2979 - Sexual Harassment** Source: *StateNet*
WV	Enacted 12/96	Requires all education agencies to develop plan to educate all school personnel and students about behaviors that would be considered harassment or violence; to develop and implement prevention programs; and to investigate and follow up on any reported incidences. Title: **126-18 - Racial, Sexual, Religious/Ethnic Harassment and Violence Policy** Source: State Superintendent of Schools

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SITE-BASED MANAGEMENT		
AZ	Enacted 5/96	Expands authority of local school councils (which the law requires school boards to appoint) by requiring school boards to delegate school budget development, school spending, and hiring and firing power to councils. Principals also get hiring and firing power plus performance evaluation authority. Teachers must "collaborate" on curriculum development. Title: **HB 2253 - Expanding Local School Council Authority** Source: *StateNet*
AZ	Enacted 4/97	Provides that each school shall establish school council; governing board may delegate to school council responsibility to develop curriculum and any additional powers reasonably necessary to accomplish decentralization; school council shall reflect ethnic composition of local community. Title: **HB 2474 - Establishment of School Council and Delegating Responsibilities** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 7/97	Requires site-based decisionmaking for certain decisions for school districts. Title: **HB 4181 - Site-Based Decisionmaking** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 6/96	Repeals Site-Based Decisionmaking Program and any attached appropriation. Title: **R277-417 - Site-Based Decisionmaking Program** Source: *StateNet*
SOCIAL ISSUES		
MD	Enacted 4/97	Establishes task force to study and make recommendations on education of homeless children, including implementation of federal laws regarding education of homeless children and funding of education alternatives for homeless children; provides for membership of task force. Title: **HB 697 - Education of Homeless Children** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SPECIAL EDUCATION (also see ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION and DISCIPLINE)		
CT	Died 6/97	Establishes task force to study impact of "inclusion" on educational process of regular classrooms. Title: **HB 5475 - Impact of Inclusion** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Enacted 6/97	Allows for placement in private facilities even if public arrangement is available when private program meets criteria and is less costly than public arrangement. Title: **HB 6705 - Placement in Private Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Died 2/97	Ensures that Board of Education provide for testing of students for specific learning disorders, including dyslexia; provides remediation for students determined to have learning disorders. Title: **HB 1909 - Testing for Learning Disorder** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 2/97	Makes appropriation for Department of Education to fund attention deficit disorder program. Title: **SB 1236 - Special Education Programs** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Enacted 5/97	Ensures consistency between state and federal special education requirements within Department of Education. Title: **HB 842 - Special Education Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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ME	Enacted 5/97	Requires Department of Education to perform annual cost-benefit analysis of special education programs in state; requires department to hold annual public hearing. Title: **HB 1043 - Special Education Program Cost-Benefit Analysis** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Enacted 5/97	Amends procedure for mediation of special education disputes between local education agencies and parents. Title: **HB 1098 - Special Education Disputes** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 5/97	Urges Congress either to change special education laws or provide funding to states to meet requirements under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Title: **SJM 2 - Special Education Finance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/97	Includes blindness in definition of educationally disabled child and repeals provisions which prevent attorneys from acting as neutrals in special education dispute resolution. Title: **HB 501 - Inclusion of Blindness Definition** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 96	Mandates attention deficit disorder (ADD) training workshops for teachers; requires commissioner to "provide for multisensory interactive training for teachers to develop awareness and knowledge of students with ADD and hyperactivity, and how to identify and best deal with and instruct such students." Title: **HB 2431 - Attention Deficit Disorder Training for Teachers** Source: Appalachia Educational Laboratory, The Link, Nov. 1996
TX	Enacted 6/97	Relates to state-administered assessment instruments for students in special education programs. Title: **HB 1800 - Special Education State Assessment Instruments** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 3/97	Provides for State Board of Education to adopt rules to meet federal requirements governing establishment and maintenance of procedural safeguards for students with disabilities as to free and appropriate public education; provides hearing process and timeliness to resolve special education disputes; provides appeal process and conditions for recovery of attorney fees. Title: **SB 137 - Special Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/96	Provides that school boards must submit required special education plans acceptable to Board of Education, on schedule and by date specified by board; requires such plans to indicate extent to which plan for preceding period has been implemented and plan to be followed during next period. Title: **SB 341 - Special Education Plans** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Directs Board of Education to encourage use of mediation in its procedures governing resolution of disputes in special education. Title: **SB 902 - Special Education Mediation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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VT	Enacted 5/96	Proposes to reauthorize portions of Act 230 which includes state's special education funding formula. Revises system of state aid for provision of education services to children with disabilities and children in need of support. Requires that 1% of appropriation for provision of education services be used to increase regional capacity to meet needs of students with emotional behavior problems. Appropriates equal amount to train teachers. Title: **HB 606 - State Aid to Children with Disabilities** Source: *StateNet*
WI	Enacted 6/96	Relates to method of resolving disputes between school boards and parents concerning children with exceptional education needs. Title: **SB 522 - Dispute Resolution of Special Education Children** Source: *StateNet*
WV	Enacted 5/97	Relates to early intervention services for children with developmental delays. Title: **HB 2885 - Early Intervention Service for Children with Developmental Delays** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
STANDARDS (also see ACCOUNTABILITY, ACCREDITATION, ASSESSMENT/TESTING and TECHNOLOGY)		
AK	Proposed 5/97	Establishes performance standards for elementary and secondary students; requires high school graduation examination. Title: **HB 275 - Performance Standards** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Vetoed 9/96	Authorizes school district to include summer school for pupils who have not yet graduated instructional programs that address remediation issues and/or developmental instruction, and that will provide pupils with skills required to eliminate need for remedial coursework at postsecondary level. Requires Department of Education, University of California Regents and California State University Trustees to identify goals for reducing remedial or developmental instruction. Title: **AB 649 - Remedial Instructional Programs** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Enacted 9/96	Provides that academic content and performance standards adopted by State Board of Education, while used as standards for purposes of Assessment Act, are to be considered model standards for any other purpose as well. Permits school districts to use these model standards as guideline in developing district standards. Title: **AB 2105 - Academic Content and Performance Standards** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Died 6/96	Modifies Delaware Higher Education Access Program to require that students seeking to participate shall have demonstrated level of knowledge and ability that meets or exceeds recently adopted state standards in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Title: **SB 469 - Implementation of Standards for Postsecondary Education** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Died 4/97	Revises provisions regarding district's comprehensive program for pupil progression; requires remedial instruction and retention of students who have not met district- and state-required levels of proficiency; provides student performance standards, instruments and assessment procedures. Title: **HB 1931 - Student Performance Standards and Assessment Procedures** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Proposed 5/97	Requires establishment of standards in certain subject areas. Title: **HB 2137 - Establishment of Standards** Source: *StateNet*

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FL	Enacted 6/96	Puts into place new specific academic standards for Florida students, prekindergarten through grade 12. Sunshine State Standards represent knowledge and skills Florida students will be expected to know and be able to do at certain stages of their academic careers. Standards for seven key subject areas (mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, the arts, health and physical education and foreign language) developed in conjunction with teachers, administrators, parents and business community. Achievement of standards to be measured by administration of new Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT), being developed specifically for Florida and in conjunction with standards development. FCAT to be field tested in 1997 and administered statewide in 1998 at elementary, middle and high school levels. Standards developed at four levels; preK-grade 2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Title: **Sunshine State Standards** Source: Florida Department of Education; *Monday Report*, June 17, 1996
FL	Passed 6/96	Establishes student performance standards as adopted by reference in Sunshine State Standards to benchmark student achievement in grades preK-12. Requires public schools to provide appropriate instruction to assist students in achieving standards. Title: **FAC 6A-1. 09401 - Student Performance Standards** Source: *StateNet*
IA	Proposed 4/97	Relates to establishment of council for voluntary high standards and assessment development and to adoption of voluntary model content standards and assessments by State Board of Education and by schools and school districts. Title: **HB 214 - Standards and Assessment** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 96	Adds technology component through proposed science standards. Two of three science goals and four of 11 science standards relate to technology: "Understand and apply methods of scientific inquiry and technological design to investigate questions, solve problems and analyze claims" and "understand connections and relationships among science, technology and society." Technology standard relating to first goal i: "Apply principles and methods of technological design to solve problems." Technology standards concerning latter goal are: "Explain historical development and importance of science and technology"; "explain conceptual relationships between science and technology"; and, "describe and analyze relationships among science, technology and society in practical situations." Title: **Technology Standard Component** Source: Preliminary Draft: Illinois Academic Standards
IL	Passed 4/97	Directs State Board of Education to establish in final form academic standards applicable to students beginning with 1998-99 school year. Title: **SR 61 - Academic Standards** Source: *StateNet*
IN	Enacted 5/97	Relates to educational proficiency statements; requires Department of Education to revise educational proficiency statements for certain subject areas every six years; establishes proficiency statements overview committee for each subject area to advise on revision process and recommend changes in educational proficiency statements. Title: **HB 1723 - Proficiency Statements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Died 6/97	Revises and renames Competency-Based Education Program, revises LEAP test schedule and kinds, content and consequences of some tests. Title: **SB 822 - Standards-Based Education Programs** Source: *StateNet*

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ME	Active 12/96	Articulates six "guiding principles" which describe characteristics of well-educated person: clear and effective communicator, self-directed and lifelong learner, creative and practical problem solver, responsible and involved citizen, collaborative and quality worker, and integrative and informed thinker. To fulfill these principles, "learning results" developed within following eight areas: English language arts, foreign languages (modern and classical languages), social studies, visual and performing arts, science and technology, health and physical education, mathematics and career preparation. As structure for "learning results," each area divided into content standards and performance indicators — checkpoints — toward meeting content standard within each of four grade spans: preschool to grade 2, grades 3 and 4, grades 5-8, and secondary school. Of 13 science and technology standards, two directly relate to technology, including: "Students will communicate effectively in applications of science and technology (communication)." In addition, there are technology-related performance indicators in career preparation, English language arts, foreign languages, social studies, and visual and performing arts. Title: **Technology Standard Component** Source: State of Maine Learning Results
MI	Proposed 3/97	Provides eligibility for incentive payment for school districts that adopt recommended core curriculum standards. Title: **HB 4244 - School District Incentives** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Proposed 4/97	Offers alternative of locally controlled graduation rule; provides locally controlled graduation rule aid and district assistance and academic enhancement aid; appropriates money. Title: **HB 2110 - Implementation of Standards and Academic Enhancement Aid** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Makes state's graduation rule applicable to all children required to receive instruction under compulsory attendance law. Title: **HB 1932 - Standards for Graduation and Compulsory Attendance** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Directs State Board of Education to determine which groups of students are likely to score below benchmarks on nationwide tests and to recommend ways to focus resources on addressing needs of those students. Title: **SB 1066 - Implementation of Standards** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Proposed 2/96	Proposes standards and progress indicators in following areas: cross-content workplace readiness, arts (visual and performing), comprehensive health and physical education, language arts literacy, mathematics, science, social studies and world languages. Although technology is not specific area, it is explicitly addressed within standards and performance indicators in cross-content workplace readiness, visual and performing arts, language arts literacy, mathematics and science. For example: "All students will use information technology and other tools." Performance indicators include: "All students will be able to: understand how technological systems function; access technology-based communication and information systems; and use technology to present designs and results of investigations." Title: **Technology Standard Component** Source: New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards
NJ	Proposed 5/97	Proposes constitutional amendment to prohibit use of local real property taxes for funding core curriculum content standards. Title: **ACR 118 - Funding of Core Curriculum Content Standards** Source: *StateNet*

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OR	Active 96	Provides common curriculum goals, content standards and benchmarks for nine areas, including technology. Two areas within technology are technological knowledge ("Demonstrate understanding of technological concepts and processes, and their relationship to and impact on other disciplines") and technological application ("Apply technological concepts and processes to solve practical problems and extend human capabilities"). Sets four common curriculum goals within area of technological knowledge: "Understand nature and evolution of technology"; "understand technology can be used to solve problems and meet needs"; "assess impacts and consequences of technology"; and "understand relationships between technology and other disciplines." Sets three common curriculum goals within area of technological application: "Use variety of technological systems"; "demonstrate how technological systems are operated and controlled"; and "adapt technological concepts and processes to biological, informational and physical systems to form technologies and solve practical problems." Finally, school districts may establish their own content standards in technology. Title: **Technology Standard Component** Source: Adopted Common Curriculum Goals
TX	Proposed 2/97	Provides new rules concerning technology applications; establishes essential knowledge and skills for technology applications focusing on creating, accessing, manipulating, using, communicating and publishing information during learning process; identifies essential knowledge and skills of each subject of enrichment curriculum in elementary, middle and high school. Title: **19 TAC 126.1-3; 126.11, 12; 126.21-126.29 - Technology Applications** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Proposed 2/97	Provides new rules concerning essential knowledge and skills for home economics education for students in grades 9-12. Title: **19 TAC 122.101-122.103 - Essential Knowledge and Skills for Home Economics Education** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Proposed 2/97	Provides new rules concerning business education; establishes essential knowledge and skills for business education that include 33 courses plus 10 additional experimental courses that were synthesized and combined into 23 courses in middle and high school (exploratory, technical, comprehensive or work-based, and research-based). Title: **19 TAC 120.1-120.5 120.21-120.27, 120.41-120.49, 120.61-120.66, 120. 81, 120.82 - Business Education** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Proposed 2/97	Provides rules concerning fine arts; establishes essential knowledge and skills for art, dance, music and theater education to elementary, school and high school students. Title: **19 TAC 1117.1-117.19, 117.31-117.40, 117.51-117.67 - Essential Knowledge and Skills for Art, Dance, Music, Theater** Source: *StateNet*
VT	Active 96	Sets, within Vermont's "Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities," science, mathematics and technology standards, including four standards that relate to "design and technology": "Students understand how natural resources are extracted, distributed, processed and disposed of"; "students apply knowledge and understanding of technological systems to respond to variety of issues"; "students understand people control outputs and impacts of expanding technological activities in areas of communication, construction, manufacturing, power and transportation, energy sources, health technology and biotechnology"; "students use technological/engineering processes to design solutions to problems." Also sets benchmarks for grades preK-4, 5-8 and 9-12 within each standard. Title: **Technology Standard Component** Source: Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities

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WA	Vetoed 5/97	States that school districts are provided with flexibility to determine how best to work within their communities to ensure students are meeting high academic standards. Title: **HB 1303/SB 5300 - Academic Standards** Source: *StateNet*
WV	Active 9/96	Outlines instructional goals and objectives for English/language arts, mathematics, social studies, science and process/workplace. Science area contains following technology-related goal: "Science, Technology, and Society — Understanding science and technology in context of personal and social perspectives are critical issues in preparing students to take active and responsible role in society. To live and work in highly scientific and technological world of 21st century, students must be able to identify problems and design, implement and evaluate solutions. Students must comprehend inherent link between science and technology and their impact on society." Also, one of process/workplace goals is: "Process/Workplace Technology — Ability to understand and utilize technology to solve problems is mandate in today's world. Students will learn to set up and operate computer equipment and assorted peripherals, use online sources to obtain or exchange information; select and use multiple software packages, and demonstrate skills in use of word processing, databases, spreadsheets, graphics and telecommunications." Process/workplace area contains eight technology instructional objectives as well. , Title: **Technology Standard Component** Source: Instructional Goals and Objectives
STATE (also see GOVERNANCE)		
AR	Enacted 4/97	Creates excellence in Arkansas public education task force. Title: **SB 690 - Excellence in Education Task Force** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Passed 11/96	Constitutional amendment authorizes local county and independent school systems to levy 1% sales and use tax for certain educational purposes, proceeds of which may be used only to finance capital outlay projects and to retire general obligation debt incurred for school system projects. Provides for corresponding decrease in ad valorem taxes levied or prior to debt maturity. Provides for further procedures, conditions, limitations relative to imposition of this tax. Title: **V2 - Constitutional Amendment 2 (HR 728-1996)** Source: *StateNet*
KS	Died 5/97	Directs State Board of Education to define basic education to help determine suitable funding base for public school operations and to make report to Senate and House education committees. Title: **HCR 5014 - Funding of Basic Education** Source: *StateNet*
NC	Proposed 4/97	Creates Blue-Ribbon Study Commission on Future of Economic Development, consisting of 26 members appointed by Senate president pro tem, speaker of the House, governor, secretary of commerce, secretary of state, commissioner of agriculture, University of North Carolina president and community colleges president. Commission must file report of findings and recommendations with president pro tem and speaker before 1999 General Assembly. Title: **SB 669 - Creation of Blue-Ribbon Study Commission on Future of Economic Development** Source: *StateNet*
STUDENT AID		
AR	Died 3/97	Provides free tuition to public institutions of higher education for children of Arkansas public school teachers with at least 10 years of teaching experience. Title: **HB 1059 - Student Aid for Higher Education to Public Institutions** Source: *StateNet*

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CT	Died 6/97	Provides scholarships to the state's public higher education institutions to any Connecticut student who receives a "B" average in high school; assists families with cost of college and rewards students for their achievements. Title: **HB 5487 - Scholarships** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Rewards students who achieve good grades by reducing their tuition by 50%. Title: **HB 5697 - Scholarships as Rewards for Achieving Good Grades** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Allows General Assembly employees or immediate family members to attend public institution of higher education tuition free or at reduced rate. Title: **HB 5484 - Employees/Families Benefits**
IL	Proposed 4/97	Amends Illinois Vehicle Code and State Finance Act to authorize special license plates designated as Higher Education Student license plates; provides for increased fees for these plates to be distributed, subject to appropriation by General Assembly, to public universities and colleges and community colleges to reduce tuition, fees and book fees of students earning "B" average or better. Title: **HB 920 - Higher Education Student License Plates** Source: *StateNet*
IN	Died 3/97	Relates to Hoosier Education Loan Program for scholars; establishes scholarship-based loan program, administered by state Student Assistance Commission, for Indiana high school students with at least "B" average. Title: **HB 2021 - Education Loan Program for Scholars** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Provides college tuition grants to students who earn high school diploma in fewer than eight semesters. Title: **HB 270 - College Tuition Grants** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
WA	Enacted 5/97	Relates to State Educational Trust Fund; provides that trust's primary purpose is to pledge statewide available college student assistance to needy or disadvantaged students. Title: **HB 1054 - State Educational Trust Fund** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
STUDENTS (also see ATTENDANCE, INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS and SUBSTANCE ABUSE)		
CO	Died 4/97	Prohibits use of personally identifying student information in statewide financial, student management and human resource electronic data communications and reporting system, with exception of records relating to specified situations. Further specifies that, even in situations in which system may include personally identifying student information, information shall not be transmitted via local, regional or global computer network. Title: **HB 1129 - Student Records**
CO	Enacted 3/97	Requires school principals to authorize student to participate in activity through amateur association or league if student in good academic standing and class attendance not compromised. Authorizes schools to charge nonenrolled student up to 150% of amount charged enrolled students to participate. Creates appeal process for any student ruled ineligible; allows binding arbitration. Title: **SB 153 - Student Participation in Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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FL	Proposed 5/97	Amends provision relating to student standards for participation in interscholastic extracurricular student activities; defines term "extracurricular"; gives home-educated students access to such activities. Title: **HB 1663** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Proposed 6/96	Provides for incorporation of Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records; provides students certain rights of access to their records. Title: **FAC 6A-1. 0955 - Education Records of Students** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Enacted 6/97	Revises provisions regarding district's comprehensive program for pupil progression; requires remedial instruction and retention of students who have not met district- and state-required levels of proficiency; provides student performance standards, instruments and assessment procedures [became law without governor's signature]. Title: **SB 1956 - Pupil Progression** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Enacted 8/97	Creates School Reporting of Drug Violations Act; requires principal of public elementary or secondary school to report to police delivery of cannabis and controlled substances occurring in school, on school grounds on public way within 1,000 feet of school, or on school conveyance. Provides that principal or chief administrative officer must report criminal activity within 48 hours of becoming aware of incident. Title: **HB 2132 - Creation of Drug Violation Act** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Vetoed 8/97	Gives public high school students right to exercise freedom of press and states expressions contained in high school newspaper are not subject to prior restraint except for expressions that are libelous, obscene or harmful to minors, constitute unwarranted invasion of privacy, or incite students to imminent lawless action. Provides that governing board of school district that publishes high school newspaper adopt school freedom of expression policy. Title: **HB 154 - Freedom of Expression** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MA	Proposed 7/97	Protects student's right to education from employers. (Protection from hiring decisions based too strongly on high school performance.) Title: **HB 2622/HB 4699 - Protection of Student's Rights** Source: *StateNet*
MO	Vetoed 7/96	Requires school districts to restrict access to personally identifiable student records to authorized school district employees, except as otherwise provided by law. Such records can be made available to nondistrict employees only in response to subpoena or upon written authorization from parent or student over 18 years of age. Title: **HB 1523 - Access to Student Records** Source: House Research Staff--MO House of Representatives
MT	Enacted 4/97	Requires recitation of Pledge of Allegiance in public schools; provides that student or teacher must be excused from participation if student's or teacher's convictions preclude participation; requires school district to inform students and teachers of right not to participate in pledge recitation; clarifies that teacher who exercises right not to participate is still required to teach subject related to flag in prescribed curriculum. Title: **HB 77 - Pledge of Allegiance Participation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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NM	Enacted 4/97	Changes application of student standards for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities from second semester of 8th grade to 9th grade. Title: **HB 1128 - Extracurricular Participation** Source: New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee
NV	Proposed 6/96	Provides standardized student identification numbering system for all school districts; provides for issues related to student records information, high degree of transience among students and need of school-to-work programs. Title: **Student Identification Numbers** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 4/97	Allows Board of Education to adopt policy providing for drug and alcohol testing of students in grades 7-12. House Education Committee amended bill, substituting term "reasonable suspicion" for "probable cause." Title: **HB 70 - Drug and Alcohol Testing** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
OR	Died 3/97	Allows student who has not met or exceeded mastery level or grade-level standards to advance to next level if certain requirements are met. Title: **SB 754 - Advancement to Next Grade Level** Source: *StateNet*
RI	Proposed 1/97	Permits students who attend private elementary and secondary schools to participate as member of public school team if private school does not field team in that sport. Title: **HB 5770 - Private School Student Participation in Public School Sport Team** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Enacted 5/96	Provides that Department of Education shall forward crime information to attorney general to be used in prosecution of school crime; requires local law enforcement to contact attorney general when certain crimes occur. Upon request of local school district, attorney general may petition local school board to expel students charged and will represent district at appellate level. Title: **HB 4430 - Notification of Crime Information** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Passed 5/96	Repeals rules concerning curriculum to comply with sunset review process mandated by Senate Bill 1, 74th Legislature, 1995. Repeals rules regarding grading and reporting requirements, promotion and course credit, grade-level advancement and course credit, encouragement of students to take advanced courses, alternatives to social promotion, memorandum of understanding for multiproblem children and youth, and Texas Advanced Placement incentive program. Title: **Promotion and Alternatives to Social Promotion; Grading/Reporting Requirements; Course Credit** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Enacted 7/96	Establishes requirements and procedures related to advancing student without benefit of direct instruction; provides guidelines under which school district must develop or select exams for this purpose. Title: **19 TAC 74.24 - Curriculum Requirements; Credit by Examination** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 8/97	Relates to notifying school personnel of student arrest or detention and any subsequent disposition of that arrest or detention. Title: **HB 2643 - Notification of School Personnel of the Arrest or Detention of a Student** Source: *StateNet*

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TX	Died 8/97	Relates to promotion to next grade level after completion of extended-year program. Title: **SB 522 - Student Promotion** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Requires students who do not pass literacy tests required to obtain Literacy Passport to participate in summer school or after-school remediation programs; requires school boards to establish remediation program standards committees, consisting of administrators, teachers, parents and community at large. Title: **HB 1859 - Remedial Instructional Programs** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Died 2/97	Requires school boards to establish criteria for promotion designed to require satisfactory completion of state board and local requirements. Title: **HB 1939 - Students Promotion Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 3/96	Relates to guidelines on constitutional rights and restrictions regarding Pledge of Allegiance to American flag in public schools. Board's guidelines are to include provisions addressing initiative and involvement of local school boards, schools, administrators, teachers and students; propriety of any recitation or participation requirements; and relevant state and federal constitutional concerns, such as freedom of speech. Title: **HB 433 - Constitutional Rights and Protections** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/96	Directs Board of Education, in consultation with Office of Attorney General, to develop guidelines of constitutional rights and restrictions regarding Pledge of Allegiance to American flag in public schools. Title: **HB 1118 - Constitutional Rights and Restrictions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Directs school board to require students convicted and found guilty of violations of Drug Control Act to submit to unannounced, random drug and alcohol tests as condition for reenrollment or continued attendance in particular school or program; authorizes Board of Education to promulgate rules. Title: **HB 1802 - Drug and Alcohol Testing of Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Proposed 2/97	Prohibits schools from asking students certain questions. Title: **HB 1667 - Student Rights** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Vetoed 5/97	Provides that school districts and public schools shall not request disclosure of student's federal Social Security number except to seek Medicaid reimbursement. Title: **SB 5274 - Student Records** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SUBSTANCE ABUSE		
HI	Proposed 3/97	Concurrent resolution requests development of plan to address problem of alcohol and substance abuse among children and youth of Hawaii. Title: **SCR 278 - Plan Development for Alcohol and Substance Abuse** Source: *StateNet*

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IL	Enacted 8/97	Creates School Reporting of Drug Violations Act; requires principal of public elementary or secondary school to report to police delivery of cannabis and controlled substances occurring in school, on school grounds, on public way within 1,000 feet of school or on school conveyance. Provides that principal or chief administrative officer must report criminal activity within 48 hours of becoming aware of incident. Title: **HB 2132 - Creation of Drug Violation Act** Source: *StateNet*
WI	Enacted 5/96	Allows schools usage of breathalyzers to test alcohol use. Title: **AB 718 - Usage of Breathalyzers** Source: Education Leaders Council, Spring 1996, *Legislative Trends*, p. 12
TEACHER CERTIFICATION		
AK	Enacted 5/97	Amends current law (AS 14.20.020(b)), adding requirement that prospective teachers pass competency examination to receive teaching certificate. Title: **HB 145 - Certification of Teachers** Source: Alaska Legislature
AL	Died 5/97	Requires fingerprinting of all public school employees, current and prospective, but does not require checks on parochial and private schools. Title: **SB 516 - Fingerprinting** Source: Alabama Education Association
CA	Proposed 7/97	Establishes Alternative Teacher Intern Program, to be exempt from current requirements governing teacher preparation. Specifies minimum requirements for one-year alternative teacher intern credential. Requirements include: (1) completion of course in classroom observation and participation; (2) passage of state basic skills exam; and (3) completion of subject-matter program. Title: **AB 173 - Alternative Teacher Intern Program** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CO	Enacted 6/97	Makes numerous changes to existing educator licensure law, including areas of: teacher participation in induction programs, professional development requirements, assessment of professional competencies and holding different types of teaching licenses. Title: **HB 1058 - Teacher Licensing** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
FL	Enacted 4/97	Revises educator certification requirements; specifies minimum competencies; authorizes school districts to provide alternate certification programs and systems for demonstrating professional competencies; requires approval by Education Department; requires demonstration of professional competencies within certain period. Title: **SB 462 - Certification Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Enacted 2/97	Provides for alternative certification of Chicago teachers under three-phase program limited to not more than 260 new participants each year. Provides that State Board of Education, in consultation with State Teacher Certification Board, is to establish and implement program in cooperation with partnership formed between public university and one or more not-for-profit corporations that support excellence in teaching. Provides that first phase of course is instructional, second is full-time teaching for one year under provisional alternative teaching certificate, third is assessment and recommendation for standard alternative teaching certificate valid in Chicago's public schools. Title: **HB 995 - Alternative Certification of Teachers** Source: *StateNet*

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IN	Enacted 5/97	Provides that individual who seeks teacher's license must demonstrate proficiency in basic reading, writing, mathematics, pedagogy and subjects in which he or she wishes to teach; removes waiver procedure by which Professional Standards Board may grant limited license to individual who does not demonstrate requisite proficiency. Title: **HB 1611 - Teacher's License** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ND	Enacted 4/97	Relates to initial certification of teachers. Title: **HB 1216 - Initial Certification of Teachers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ND	Enacted 3/97	Relates to qualifications of persons teaching grades K-8. Title: **HB 1402 - Teacher Qualifications** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Enacted 4/97	Requires background checks for educators applying for initial certification; requires public schools to develop procedures and guidelines to require background checks of noncertified persons who have been offered employment. ($60,000 is included in Education Appropriation Act.) Title: **SB 106 - Background Checks** Source: New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee
OH	Enacted 8/96	Establishes credit hour requirements in reading, including course in phonics, for students preparing to be early elementary teachers. Permits State Board of Education to adopt rules establishing standards and requirements for obtaining temporary, associate, provisional and professional educator licenses of any categories, types and levels it elects to provide. Teacher education standards adopted by state board would receive final legislative approval before becoming effective. Changes term "teacher certificate" to "teacher license." Title: **SB 230 - Requirements for Educator Licenses** Source: Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, August 1996
OR	Died 3/97	Directs school districts to hire contract teachers and administrators for specified period; modifies teacher evaluation and dismissal process; deletes requirements that school district must hire licensed teachers or administrators. Title: **SB 650 - Hiring Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OR	Died 6/97	Applies minimum pay rate for substitute teachers to those substitute teachers represented in bargaining unit; provides that teachers employed as substitutes shall not be paid less per day than 80% or 1/190th of salary of beginning teacher who holds bachelor's degree. Title: **HB 3608 and HB 3659 - Substitute Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
TN	Enacted 3/96	Provides that departments shall make special accommodations in administering teaching certification tests if: applicant has been employed by local education agency for one year or more; applicant has favorable recommendations from local school board and superintendent; applicant has handicapping condition, including dyslexia, which adversely affects his or her applicant's ability to complete test. Title: **HB 2048 - Special Accommodations in Administering Teaching Certification Tests** Source: *StateNet*

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VA	Enacted 4/96	Requires law enforcement officers who arrest a full- or part-time, permanent or temporary employee of a public school for felony, crime of moral turpitude or any offense involving physical or sexual abuse of child, to file report of arrest with division superintendent; requires employee applicants to certify they have not done any of above acts; amends teacher suspension procedures; gives teachers and administrators grievance period [became law without governor's signature]. Title: **HB 290 - Employee Records** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/96	Directs Board of Education to require by regulation that persons seeking licensure on and after July 1, 2000, must have completed study in attention deficit disorder. Title: **HB 1330 - Study in Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Enacted 2/97	Authorizes university and college instructors to teach at public schools without certification by Professional Teaching Standards Board as specified. Title: **SB 14 - Teacher Certification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TEACHER COMPENSATION		
AL	Enacted 5/96	Provides 4% cost-of-living adjustment for certain public education employees, beginning with 1996-97 fiscal year and continuing thereafter; provides 3% cost-of-living adjustment for certain public education employees, beginning with 1997-98 fiscal year and continuing thereafter; establishes miscellaneous pay provisions. Title: **HB 185 - Cost-of-Living Adjustments** Source: *StateNet*
AL	Enacted 4/97	Requires each county and city board of education to pay each teacher employed at least 100% of teacher's salary level pursuant to state salary matrix. Title: **HB 192 - Teacher Compensation** Source: *StateNet*
AR	Enacted 4/97	Provides financial incentives for teachers who receive national board certification. Title: **HB 1975 - Incentives for Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
AZ	Enacted 4/97	Relates to Career Ladder Programs. Title: **SB 1169 - Career Ladder Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Enacted 9/96	Requires public school employer and exclusive representative, upon request of either party, to negotiate and mutually agree to salary schedule based on criteria other than uniform allowance for years of training and years of experience. Title: **SB 98 - Teacher Compensation Negotiating Requirements** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Enacted 5/97	Requires adoption of salary schedules for school district instructional personnel based on performance assessments; creates Florida School Recognition Program to provide financial awards to selected faculty and staff of identified schools; provides criteria for selection [became law without governor's signature.] Title: **HB 703 - Salary Schedule** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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FL	Died 5/97	Requires adoption of salary schedules based on performance assessments of instructional personnel; requires superintendents to recommend salary schedules for instructional personnel based on performance assessments; amends provision regarding participation in Florida Education Finance Program to require expenditure for instructional personnel salaries based on performance assessments. Title: **SB 342 - Salary Schedules for Instructional Personnel Based on Performance** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 1/97	Relates to education. Establishes extraordinary performance pay for teachers provisions. Requires the Department of Education to adopt an extraordinary performance pay plan for teachers who demonstrate exemplary teaching performance in the classroom. Title: **SB 283 - Performance Pay Plan for Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Proposed 1/97	Establishes merit award program for outstanding public schools teachers and administrators. Title: **HB 1055 - Teacher and Administrator Merit Award Program** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Died 6/96	Provides merit pay provision requiring issue be addressed by collective bargaining in the next contract (three-and-a-half years away). Title: **HB 1000/SB 1239 - Merit Pay** Source: Education Leaders Council, Spring 1996, *Legislative Trends*, p. 12
MS	Died 2/97	Establishes performance pay plan for certified teachers and prescribes standards for performance levels of teaching certificates to be administered by Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Development. Provides payment of salary supplements for outstanding performance under performance pay plan. Title: **HB 641 - Performance Pay Plan for Certified Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Creates school district employee teacher-scholar incentive grant program. Title: **SB 2439 - Incentive Grant Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MT	Enacted 4/97	Directs Department of Administration to develop alternative compensation system for state employees to be presented to 56th Legislature; clarifies statutes governing certain salary and expense payments for elected officials; provides pay adjustments for state employees in statewide, teacher and blue-collar pay plans; increases state contribution to Employee Group Benefit Program; extends and revises State Employee Incentive Awards Program. Title: **HB 13 - Compensation System for State Employees** Source: *StateNet*
OK	Proposed 2/97	Requires State Board of Education to promulgate rules establishing Teacher Merit Award Program to provide financial reward to teachers who demonstrate success and to serve as incentive to other teachers to strive for success. Awards shall not exceed $1,000 for each teacher. For teacher to qualify, 95% of his or her students for the semester or school year must achieve, by end of school year, a score indicating one-year advance in grade level over previous year's test score and must be passed on to next grade level. Title: **HB 2045 - Teacher Merit Award Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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OK	Enacted 6/97	Creates minimum salary steps for teachers with 16-25 years of experience and provides increases for possession of advanced degrees. Minimum salaries are raised approximately $332 for each additional year of experience and approximately $1,100 for master's or doctoral degree. HB 1872 adds $6 million to $13 million appropriated last year to fund this requirement. Title: **HB 1336 - Minimum Salary Schedule for Teachers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OR	Died 6/97	Applies minimum pay rate for substitute teachers to those substitute teachers represented in bargaining unit; provides that teachers employed as substitutes shall not be paid less per day than 80% or 1/190th of salary of beginning teacher who holds bachelor's degree. Title: **HB 3608 and HB 3659 - Substitute Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
TEACHER CONTRACTS (also see COLLECTIVE BARGAINING)		
AK	Enacted 5/96	Requires teachers to spend three years teaching before becoming eligible for tenure (previously two years). Will subject teachers and administrators to regular reviews using performance standards developed by local school boards but based on general state rules. Districts have until July 1, 1997, to set standards. If tenured teachers fail to meet local standard, they will follow improvement plan over several months. If, after that, teachers are still deemed deficient, they could be fired. New plan would allow schools to lay off tenured teachers — with rehiring rights — in times of financial crisis. Title: **HB 465 - Teacher Tenure** Source: *StateNet* and *Education Week*, June 12, 1996
AL	Enacted 5/97	Requires each local board of education to develop reduction-in-force policy to legally and fairly deal with workforce reductions and rehiring of those employees. Title: **SB 396 - Reduction-In-Force Policy** Source: Alabama Education Association
CO	Died 2/97	Concerns creation of position of contract teacher in public schools; creates new teaching position to be known as contract teacher which would be available to probationary teachers at end of three-year probationary period, as well as to nonprobationary teachers. Title: **HB 1160 - Teacher Contracts** Source: *StateNet*
CO	Passed 5/97	Creates six-member legislative interim committee to study issues relating to teacher evaluation and dismissal. Chair and the vice chair will appoint advisory task force to assist committee in performing study. Included on advisory committee will be two representing school boards. Interim committee to report to General Assembly no later than November 15, 1997. Title: **SJR 14 - Teacher Dismissal Interim Committee and Task Force** Source: Colorado Association of School Boards
CT	Died 6/97	Makes tenure renewable on five-year basis. Title: **HB 5182 - Teacher Tenure** Source: *StateNet*
ID	Enacted 5/97	Authorizes school board of trustees to employ certified personnel on one-year limited contract which requires no additional notice for termination at end of contract year. Title: **SB 1028 - Certified Personnel** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Proposed 5/97	Provides that all teachers first employed by school district on or after July 1, 1997, and who have not already entered into contractual continued service, shall have four-year probationary period, effective July 1, 1997. Title: **SB 568 - Teacher Contracts** Source: *StateNet*

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IN	Enacted 3/96	Allows flexibility in time when school corporation must hold public conference on nonrenewal of contract of nonpermanent teacher so that both Open Door Law and Nonpermanent Teachers' Contract Rights Law are not violated. Title: **SB 405 - Procedural Changes in Nonrenewal of Nonpermanent Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Enacted 5/96	Relates to professional teacher status of teacher, school librarian, school adjustment counselor and school psychologist obtained after required certain term of employment; prohibits, except for good cause, dismissal or demotion of principal, department head or other supervisor who has served in that position for certain consecutive period. Title: **HB 2340 - Professional Teacher Status** Source: *StateNet*
MI	Proposed 3/97	Amends Teacher Tenure Act to conform to school district Educational Accountability Act. Title: **SB 310 - Amendments to the Teacher Tenure Act** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Provides teacher with reasons for nonrenewal of contract with school districts. Title: **SB 2181 - Teacher Contracts** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Enacted 4/97	Revises teacher tenure laws and contested case procedures; provides tenure to teacher or specialist who completes 180-working day probationary period on earlier of either date of offer and acceptance of contract for second consecutive year or employment on June 30 of year following initial date of hire. Title: **HB 49 - Teacher Tenure Laws** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Enacted 6/96	Clarifies that tenure accrued in particular position within public school district shall not extend to any other position. Title: **AB 2153 - Tenure** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Enacts Children's Right to Education Act of 1997 to improve performance and accountability of teachers and administration by replacing permanent tenure with five-year renewable contracts. Title: **AB 6707 - Teacher Contracts** Source: *StateNet*
PA	Enacted 6/96	Provides for sabbatical leaves of absence and for rights during leave of absence. Title: **HB 1031 - Leaves of Absence** Source: *StateNet*
RI	Enacted 7/97	Establishes that probationary period for teachers consists of three annual contracts within five successive school years [became law without governor's signature]. Title: **HB 5846 - Teacher Contracts** Source: *StateNet*
SD	Enacted 2/96	Clarifies by whom teacher's contract may be terminated. Title: **HB 1230 - Termination of Teacher's Contracts** Source: *StateNet*

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VA	Enacted 4/96	Requires school boards to provide separate written contracts for teachers receiving monetary supplements to sponsor extracurricular activity that may meet during or outside regular school hours; provides that termination of sponsorship contract does not affect original teaching contract [became law without governor's signature]. Title: **HB 712 - Teacher Sponsorship of Extracurricular Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TEACHER EDUCATION		
CA	Proposed 5/97	Establishes California Mathematics Teaching Challenge to increase number of teachers competent to teach mathematics in schools. Commission on Teacher Credentialing would administer California Mathematics Teaching Challenge and award grants to school districts and county superintendents. Title: **AB 496 - Competent Mathematics Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 8/97	Enacts Teacher Mathematics Instruction Development Program, which would effectuate legislative intent that each certificated teacher of pupils enrolled in grades 4 to 8, inclusive, possess knowledge and skills to effectively teach mathematics to pupils. Title: **AB 1331 - Teacher Mathematics Instruction Development Program** Source: *StateNet*
CO	Enacted 6/97	Makes numerous changes to existing educator licensure law, including areas of teacher participation in induction programs, professional development requirements, assessment of professional competencies and holding different types of teaching licenses. Title: **HB 1058 - Teacher Licensing** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
FL	Enacted 6/97	Creates Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program; provides for incentive awards for community, public and private universities and colleges; provides for repayment; requires training programs; creates certain funds; requires budget and development planning. Title: **SB 2 - Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Passed 8/96	Defines requirements for admission into limited access programs; provides that specified minimum grade on prerequisite courses alone will not cause program to be designated limited access. Removes teacher preparation programs, which have higher admissions standards because of statutory requirements, from under limited access designation, provided that all students who meet requirements are admitted into program. Title: **FAC 6C-6. 001 - Admissions** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Enacted 6/97	Revises performance assessments of school district instructional staff; revises contracts for said staff; requires probationary period for certain administrative staff; applies new performance assessment and appeal procedures upon renewal of professional service contract; amends provision regarding educational support employees; provides that this act superseded local laws [became law without governor's signature]. Title: **SB 340 - Performance Assessment of School Staff** Source: *StateNet*

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TEACHER EVALUATION		
AK	Enacted 5/96	Requires teachers to spend three years teaching before becoming eligible for tenure (previously two years). Will subject teachers and administrators to regular reviews using performance standards developed by local school boards but based on general state rules. Districts must set standards by July 1, 1997. If tenured teacher fails to meet local standard, he or she will follow improvement plan over several months. If, after that help, teacher is still deemed deficient, he or she could be fired. New plan would allow schools to lay off tenured teachers with rehiring rights in times of financial crisis. 1995 vetoed bill (HB 217) did not include substantial evaluation component. Title: **HB 465 - Teacher Tenure** Source: *StateNet* and *Education Week*, June 12, 1996
CT	Died 6/97	Improves teacher accountability by requiring student achievement to be one criterion for teacher evaluations. Title: **HB 5468 - Teacher Evaluations** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 7/97	Establishes system of teacher evaluations by students in secondary schools. Title: **HB 2442/HB 4600- Teacher Evaluation** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 1/97	Requires periodic evaluation of teachers and allows school districts to fire those who fail to improve their performance. Title: **HB 72 - Teacher Evaluation**
SC	Proposed 3/97	Provides further for intent and guidelines relating to evaluation of public educators; revises manner in which and procedures under which teachers are assisted, certified, employed and evaluated; repeals section concerning education entrance examination. Title: **HB 3725 - Teacher Evaluation** Source: *StateNet*
SD	Enacted 3/97	Relates to requiring school districts to adopt teacher evaluation policies. Title: **SB 170 - Teacher Evaluation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TEACHER MENTORS/INDUCTION		
IN	Enacted 5/97	Appropriates money for nonpublic teacher mentor program; allows nonpublic school students to have state pay for Advanced Placement tests. Title: **SB 6 - Budget Bill** Source: Indiana Department of Education
TEACHER RECRUITMENT		
FL	Proposed 6/97	Creates Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program; provides for incentive awards for community, public and private universities and colleges; provides for repayment; requires training programs; creates certain funds; requires budget and development planning. Title: **HB 1009 and SB 2 - Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program** Source: *StateNet*
MO	Enacted 7/96	Allows community college students who are otherwise eligible and who make commitment to pursue teaching degree at four-year institution to receive scholarships. Previously, minority teaching scholarships were available to minority high school graduates and college students who met certain academic standards and made commitment to pursue degrees in education at four-year institutions. Title: **HB 1166 - Minority Teaching Scholarships** Source: House Research Staff — Missouri House of Representatives

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NY	Proposed 3/97	Establishes program of Regents Teacher Loan Forgiveness Awards of up to $3,000/year for maximum of four years for teachers teaching in schools under registration review; gives preference to underrepresented minorities; appropriates funds. Title: **AB 6098 - Regents Teacher Loan Forgiveness Awards** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97	Promotes recruitment of minority teachers by providing grants to college students who agree to teach in public schools after graduation; requires school districts with Individual Career Plan and Passport programs to identify minority students interested in teaching; continues W.E.B. DuBois Talented 10th Teacher Training Academy; establishes minority teacher recruitment coordinator position at Department of Education. Title: **HB 233 - Minority Teacher Recruitment**
SC	Passed 5/96	Proposes regulations for African-American Teacher Loan Program to attract African-American males to teaching profession. Loan eligibility includes: resident of South Carolina, accepted for enrollment, indicates desire to teach in state in subject area where there is shortage of African-American male teachers or in area of critical need, and eligible for teacher certification. Title: **SCAC 2-540 - African-American Teacher Loan Program** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Makes Minorities in Teaching Program part of Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program and reconciles current law to provision of 1996-98 Appropriations Act. Requires scholarship recipients to repay loan by teaching one year for every year they were beneficiaries in school. Title: **HB 2689 - Minorities in Teaching Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Proposed 6/96	States that Future Teacher Conditional Scholarship provides conditional loans to prospective teachers; requires recipients' teaching obligation be changed from straight 10 years to two years for each year of award; expands areas in which teaching service may be credited from K-12 schools to include various other teaching situations, such as Head Start, tribal schools, alternative schools, private schools and other programs. Title: **WAC 250-65-020 to 250-65-060 - Future Teacher Conditional Scholarship** Source: *StateNet*
TEACHER SHORTAGES/SUPPLY		
HI	Proposed 1/97	Relates to financial incentives for teachers in shortage areas such as math, science, special education, Hawaii language immersion, vocational education and outlying schools with high teacher turnovers. Title: **SB 1808 - Financial Incentives for Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
TEACHER STAFF DEVELOPMENT/INSERVICE		
HI	Proposed 1/97	Appropriates unspecified amount to create additional teacher-initiated activity days per school year, including days for professional, curriculum and staff development, by giving Department of Education resources to hire additional substitute teachers. Title: **HB 1374 - Hiring Substitute Teachers for Staff Development Days** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 4/97	Requires Chicago Board of Education, for FY 1997-98 and each succeeding fiscal year, to reserve and allocate aggregate amount equal to 7% of total personnel budget to develop and implement districtwide, comprehensive, sustained professional development strategy designed to retool, rectify and upgrade district's education workforce to realize sustained and permanent improvement in student achievement. Title: **HB 1282 - Professional Development Strategy** Source: *StateNet*

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MA	Enacted 8/96	Clarifies alternate methods of fulfilling professional development. Title: **HB 3893 - Professional Development** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Enacted 11/96	Establishes Educational Technology Teacher Training Program. Title: **SB 1189 - Educational Technology Teacher Training Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Vetoed 4/97	Enacts Professional Development Act and makes appropriations; establishes framework for professional development within Department of Education to facilitate statewide planning and adoption of professional development programs in school districts to ensure New Mexico public schools have quality workforce. Title: **SB 5 - Professional Development Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Requires training for new and existing teachers and other instructional personnel in use of educational technology; mandates Board of Education provide technical assistance to local school boards on professional development in education technology to ensure instructional personnel are proficient. Title: **HB 1848 - Educational Technology Training** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Vetoed 2/97	Provides teachers with accurate evaluation of student reading progress and with information needed to improve instructional strategies. Title: **HB 2042 - Reading in the Primary Grades** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TEACHER STAFFING		
CA	Enacted 2/97	Allows districts to hire retired teachers back into classroom for class-size reduction purposes, for noncreditable period of up to three years; allows those retired teachers to receive compensation without reduction in retirement allowance. Title: **AB 18 - Use of Retired Teachers** Source: California Association of School Administrators
TEACHING PROFESSION/STANDARDS		
AR	Enacted 4/97	Provides financial incentives for teachers who receive national board certification. Title: **HB 1975 - Incentives for Teachers** Source: *StateNet*
MD	Enacted 4/97	Establishes program of state and local aid to teachers who pursue certification by National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; requires State Board of Education to select specified number of teachers, consistent with amount provided in state budget, to participate in program; specifies amount to be received by certain teachers. Title: **SB 460 - Professional Certification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Allows certification through National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to satisfy licensure renewal requirements; establishes grant program to promote professional teaching standards; appropriates funds. Title: **SB 1370 - National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification** Source: *StateNet*

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NC	Died 5/96	Implements Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee recommendations to change composition of Professional Teaching Standards Commission so that teachers have majority to expand commission authority; establishes professional practices board. Title: **HB 1249 - Professional Teaching Standards** Source: *StateNet*
OK	Enacted 5/97	Gives teachers seeking National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification information and assistance in form of scholarships and bonuses; 100 scholarships available. Scholarships pay application fee plus $500 for expenses incurred in obtaining National Board certification. Title: **SB 202 - Education Leadership Oklahoma Act** Source: 1997 Session Highlights — Oklahoma House of Representatives
OR	Enacted 6/97	Directs Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to adopt expedited process for issuance of teaching and other licenses; allows commission to limit number of applicants for expedited service; directs commission to charge fee for issuance of emergency license; declares emergency. Title: **HB 2938 - Teacher Licenses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TECHNOLOGY (also see STANDARDS)		
AL	Died 5/97	Provides $125 million in technology. Title: **HB 623/SB 475 - Funding for Technology and Portable Classroom Removal** Source: Alabama Education Association
AR	Enacted 3/97	Requires board of directors of local school districts to adopt policy concerning student and staff use of district-owned computers in accessing Internet. Title: **HB 1386 - District-Owned Computer Use** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AR	Enacted 3/97	Requires director of Department of Education to develop plan to put distance learning in all Arkansas school districts. Title: **HB 1988 - Distance Learning** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AR	Enacted 3/97	Appropriates $506,392 to Computer Services Department to develop statewide distance learning or telemedicine network. Appropriates $4 million for grants to public and nonprofit entities to develop distance learning and telemedicine network. Title: **SB 258 and SB 259 - Distance Learning and Telemedical Network** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Enacted 3/96	Provides that funds allocated pursuant to Morgan-Farr-Quackenbush Educational Technology Act of 1992 are appropriated for acquiring repaired, refurbished or upgraded donated computers for use by local education agencies. Title: **AB 835 - Funds Allocated for the Acquisition of Computers** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Vetoed 9/96	Authorizes school district to issue and sell bonds to purchase and install educational technology hardware and science laboratories; requires State Allocation Board to consider approving projects that include wiring for educational technology and authorizes board, at its discretion, to fund those projects. Title: **AB 2719 - Purchase and Installation of Educational Technology Hardware and Science Laboratories** Source: *StateNet*

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CA	Enacted 7/97	Requires school district that provides pupils with access to Internet or online service to purchase, install and maintain software program to control pupil access to Internet and online sites and to prohibit access to sites that contain or make reference to harmful matter, defined as sexual acts, gross depictions, drugs or the drug culture, gambling, illegal activity, alcoholic beverages and tobacco. Title: **AB 132 - Technology** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 5/97	Enacts Educational Technology Infrastructure Bond Act of 1997 which, upon voter approval at June 2, 1998, primary election, would provide for issuance of state general obligation bonds of $500 million, exclusive of refunding bonds issued pursuant to that act, and expenditure of revenues generated to provide grants to school districts and public higher education institutions for installation of wiring and cabling. Title: **AB 261 - Educational Technology** Source: *StateNet*
CA	Proposed 4/97	Establishes Digital High School Education Technology Grant Program with goals of providing high school pupils with basic computer skills, improving pupil achievement in all academic subjects and increasing collaboration among high schools, private industry, postsecondary education institutions and community organizations. Title: **AB 1011 - Digital High School Education Technology Grant Program** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 4/97	Appropriates $50 million for technology installation grants to school districts participating in Digital High School Education Technology Grant Program. Title: **AB 1012 - Digital High School Education Technology Grant Program Funding** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 4/97	Requires each high school that receives technology installation grant under Digital High School Program to receive annual technology staff development grant, in yet-to-be-determined amount, in fiscal year in which it received installation grant. Title: **AB 1013 - Technology Staff Development Grant** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CO	Died 1/97	Creates corporate income tax credit for high technology property donated by corporate taxpayer to school district or private school, institution of higher education, or public library. Title: **HB 1004 - Tax Credit for High Technology Property for Educational Institution** Source: *StateNet*
CO	Enacted 3/97	Expands school district special building fund to allow monies in fund to be used for purchase and installation of instructional and informational technology; specifies that purchase of such technology includes expenditures for software and staff training related to new technology; requires vote of people to levy up to 10 mills for three years for this purpose. Title: **HB 1200 - Funding for Technology** Source: Colorado Association of School Boards
FL	Proposed 5/97	Creates Florida Education Technology Foundation for certain purposes; provides for board of directors and membership, board duties, creation of Florida Future Funds for certain purposes, investment of money in such funds and contributing portion of investment interest to foundation for certain purposes. Title: **HB 129 - Technology Foundation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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IL	Proposed 96	Adds technology component within proposed science standards to preliminary draft of Illinois Academic Standards. Two of three science goals and four of 11 science standards relate to technology. Goals are as follows: "Understand and apply methods of scientific inquiry and technological design to investigate questions, solve problems and analyze claims" and "understand connections and relationships among science, technology and society." Title: **Technology Standard Component** Source: Preliminary Draft: Illinois Academic Standards
IN	Enacted 5/97	Provides that surplus computer hardware must be offered for sale first to school corporations and corporation for educational technology; allows Department of Administration to donate computer hardware with no market value to corporation for educational technology. Title: **SB 178 - Computer Hardware** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IN	Enacted 5/97	Relates to tax credits for computer donations; removes requirement that educational service centers pay to Revenue Department amount for state tax credits issued by service center to taxpayers for donations of qualified computer equipment. Removes from calculation of equipment selling price of amount attributable to tax credit for equipment donation. Title: **SB 375 - Tax Credits for Computer Donations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IN	Enacted 5/97	Appropriates $30 million for Technology Plan Grant Fund. Title: **SB 6 - Budget Bill** Source: Indiana Department of Education
LA	Died 6/97	Provides for creation of Classroom-Based Technology Fund within state treasury, for deposit of monies into fund, for use and distribution of fund monies; provides for creation of State Technology Advisory Committee and for grant program to help provide educational technologies for Louisiana's elementary and secondary school students. Title: **SB 1426 - Funding for Technology** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Enacted 6/97	Creates Classroom-Based Technology Fund, with $38.2 million being made available during 1997-98 to enhance technology in state's public and approved nonpublic schools; creates State Technology Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Department of Education relative to program development and administration. Title: **HB 1911 - Classroom-Based Technology Fund** Source: Louisiana Governor's Office of Education
MA	Proposed 7/96	Relates to authorizing capital outlays for investments in educational technology. Title: **HB 6254 - Investments in Educational Technology** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 8/97	Relates to special number plates to benefit computers in schools. Title: **HB 4418/HB 4843 - Special Number Plates to Benefit Computers in Schools** Source: *StateNet*

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MA	Proposed 8/97	Continues state and local partnership for technology in public schools of commonwealth. Title: **HB 4422/HB 4843 - Technology in Public Schools of the Commonwealth** Source: *StateNet*
MD	Enacted 5/97	Promotes telecommunication and computer networking among governmental and educational institutions in state by requiring Department of Budget and Management to provide telecommunication and computer network in specified areas for specified purposes; declares findings of General Assembly; requests inclusion of certain appropriations during certain fiscal years. Title: **HB 1124 - Telecommunication and Computer Networking in Schools** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 1/97	Creates Minnesota Learning Academy to train school teachers and staff in technology use and integration and provides grant programs for learning and library sites. Title: **SB 21 - Technology Funding** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Establishes Virtual University Minnesota as public-private partnership among state, University of Minnesota, state colleges and universities system and private partners to ensure development of lifelong learning opportunities; requires Office of Technology to appoint advisory council. Title: **HB 273 and SB 286 - Postsecondary Virtual University** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 2/97	Requires pornography blocking software for schools. Title: **HB 575 and SB 585 - Pornography Blocking Software for Schools** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Appropriates money for telecommunications access grants. Title: **SB 1563 - Telecommunications Access Grants** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Requires commissioner of children, families and learning to establish year-round open enrollment project to demonstrate use of technology as primary instructional delivery system for elementary and secondary students; includes use of online resources as alternative to traditional classroom setting; appropriates $300,000 to commissioner for grant to selected school, which must be one of rural year-round school/extended week or day pilot sites. Title: **SB 1019 - Open Enrollment Project Using Technology** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Died 4/97	Authorizes issuance of K-12 education license plates and collection of donations for educational technology acquisition, in addition to regular license plate fees; authorizes distribution of donations to public elementary and secondary school districts; provides for annual allocation of money to school districts for technology purchases; provides appropriation and applicability date. Title: **HB 145 - Allocation of Money for Technology Purchases** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Enacted 4/97	Authorizes governor to create and participate in Western Governors' University. Title: **SB 264 - Western Governors' University** Source: *StateNet*
ND	Died 2/97	Relates to acquisition of computer technology by school districts; relates to approval of schools; provides appropriation; provides for Internet access and computer literacy for students and teachers. Title: **SB 2252 - Technology in School Districts** Source: *StateNet*

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NH	Died 3/97	Establishes structure for development of statewide technology program for educational institutions in New Hampshire; funds program 5% tax on daily rental charge of video materials imposed. Title: **HB 601 - Statewide Technology Program for Educational Institutions** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	Enacted 11/96	Establishes Educational Technology Teacher Training Program. Title: **SB 1189 - Educational Technology Teacher Training Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Enacted 4/97	Implements enabling legislation for constitutional amendment, as approved by voters in November 1996, that allows school districts to create debt without submitting proposition to voters by entering into lease-purchase agreement to acquire education technology equipment. Title: **HB 1304 - Education Technology Equipment Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Died 4/97	Creates Council for Educational Technology; authorizes public schools and libraries to apply for grants from trust fund for educational technology; shifts responsibility to award grants from superintendent of public instruction to council; provides under certain circumstances for reduced rate for usage of electricity attributable to use of educational technology. Title: **AB 352 - Educational Technology** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Proposed 2/97 & 1/97	Authorizes Office of Information, Learning and Technology Services to provide funding to school districts for acquisition, installation and operation of interactive video distance learning equipment in certain schools; makes appropriation. Title: **SB 28 and HB 164 - Distance Learning Funding**
OH	Proposed 1/97	Establishes tax credits for people who donate computers to schools. Title: **HB 10 - Tax Credits for Donors of Technology**
OH	Proposed 4/97	Permits school districts to purchase electronic textbooks under same conditions as textbooks are purchased. Amended in House Education Committee to require that electronic textbooks and materials be provided to teachers when school board opts to provide them to students. Title: **HB 71 - Electronic Textbooks** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
OR	Enacted 7/97	Allows superintendent of public instruction to issue bonds; stipulates monies from bonds are to be used for telecommunications and technology in schools; provides for payment of bonds from ad valorem taxes; creates School Telecommunications and Technology Fund; takes effect when amendment proposed by House Joint Resolution 57 (1997) is approved in special statewide election on same date as next biennial primary election. Title: **HB 3411 - Telecommunications and Technology** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Enacted 3/97	Creates Public Education Computer Technology Task Force; provides for membership; delineates responsibilities and procedures; makes appropriation; establishes reporting date and repeal date. Title: **SB 15 - Public Education Computer Technology Task Force** Source: *StateNet*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Adds to Educational Technology Grants Program funds for providing technology resource assistant for every elementary school in commonwealth. Title: **HB 2481 - Educational Technology Grants Program Funds** Source: *StateNet*

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VA	Enacted 3/97	Provides Board of Education with authority to make Literary Fund loans for educational technology. Title: **HB 1835 - Educational Technology** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Provides local school boards with authority to establish, by themselves or with other parties or as regional efforts with other school boards, educational technology foundations; implements public/private partnership to expand access to and improve quality of educational technology in school division. School board to review and approve articles of incorporation and bylaws and establish system of accounting to protect public funds. Title: **HB 2285 - Educational Technology Foundations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/97	Requires program be established to provide for seven-year cycle of replacement for educational technology hardware and software; obsolete equipment or software may be donated to Head Start program in conformance with amendment to surplus property statute. Title: **HB 2770 - Technology Replacement Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 2/97	Relates to school-based access to information infrastructure; requires public elementary and secondary schools to enable students to access Internet, Usenet, World Wide Web and other components of information infrastructure via computers or computer connections furnished by such schools. Also relates to juveniles; prohibits accessing of sexually explicit Internet files inconsistent with schools' educational missions. Title: **HB 1624 - School-Based Access to Information Infrastructure** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 4/97	Creates cross-sector network advisory committee to advise on K-20 educational telecommunications network technical and policy planning; adopts network design and implementation plan. Title: **SB 5002 - Educational Telecommunications Network and Policy Planning** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 3/97	Establishes technology grants for public schools. Title: **HB 1710 - Technology Grants for Public Schools** Source: *StateNet*
WA	Proposed 2/97	Relates to K-20 telecommunications network. Title: **SB 5673 - Telecommunications Network** Source: *StateNet*
WY	Enacted 2/97	Requires development and implementation of state education technology plan as specified; imposes annual reporting requirements. Title: **HB 48 - State Education Technology Plan** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Enacted 2/97	Provides for implementation of technology in education and establishment of committee to develop request for proposal in conformance with industry standards; provides for interactive video capability to each high school and data transmission connectivity to every school building; directs governor and state superintendent of public instruction to jointly establish said committee and to make final decision on behalf of state. Title: **HB 115 - Implementation of Technology in Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TENURE (see ADMINISTRATOR/PRINCIPAL and TEACHER CONTRACTS)

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TEXTBOOKS		
CA	Died 6/96	Specifies that governing boards of school districts, county superintendents of schools, superintendents of school districts and teachers have academic freedom to instruct pupils using variety of textbooks so they may provide instruction that fits needs of individual pupils; requires State Board of Education to approve provision of textbook or textbooks for use by school district in any of grades 1-8, inclusive, without cost as provided by statute. Title: **ACA 50 - Academic Freedom for Governing Bodies To Instruct Pupils Using Variety of Textbooks** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 7/96	Requires local school districts to establish effective policy for recovering cost of lost and destroyed books and to account for its effectiveness annually. Title: **HB 661 - Policy to Recover the Cost of Lost and Destroyed Books** Source: *StateNet*
DE	Enacted 4/96	Appropriates $10 million to public education for purchase of textbooks and instructional materials. Title: **SB 250 - Appropriation for Textbooks and Instructional Materials** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Enacted 7/96	States that Public Act 89-46 added "instructional computer software" as allowable use of textbook funds and deleted requirement that copy of materials purchased under program be made available to each pupil in given class or group; as result of these changes, process for administering program and distributing funds is being amended; program participants will no longer receive funding based on number of textbooks they wish to purchase; rather, funds will be distributed on per-pupil basis. Clarifies process by which student or his or her parents may request textbooks. Title: **23 IAC 350 - Secular Textbook Loan**
IN	Died 1/97	Requires Department of Education to fully reimburse school corporations and accredited nonpublic schools for costs of furnishing free school textbooks, supplies and other required class fees to students meeting financial eligibility standards; appropriates from state general fund sufficient amount to fully fund reimbursement program. Title: **SB 232 - Textbooks Reimbursement Program** Source: *StateNet*
IN	Enacted 5/97	Provides 100% reimbursement funding for expense of providing free textbooks to students who qualify for federal free-lunch program. Title: **SB 6 - Budget Bill** Source: Indiana Department of Education
IN	Enacted 5/97	Requires school corporation, before mutilating or destroying textbooks no longer scheduled for use, to provide one textbook at no cost to each parent having student enrolled in school corporation who wishes to receive copy. Title: **HB 1044 - Outdated Textbook Donation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Proposed 4/97	Permits school districts to purchase electronic textbooks under same conditions as textbooks. Amended in House Education Committee to require that electronic textbooks and materials be provided to teachers when school board opts to provide them to students. Title: **HB 71 - Electronic Textbooks** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
OR	Enacted 5/97	Modifies State Board of Education and school district board textbook adoption process; directs school district board to involve parents and citizens in process. Title: **SB 180 - School District Board Textbook Adoption Process** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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TX	Enacted 5/97	Relates to preparation, sale or distribution of academic materials for profit. Title: **HB 762 - Preparation, Sale or Distribution of Academic Materials for Profit** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TUITION/FEES		
CA	Proposed 6/97	Establishes California Education Trust and authorizes trust to contract with purchaser for advance payment of tuition and fees for qualified beneficiary to attend institution of higher education to which qualified beneficiary is admitted; creates Advance Tuition Payment Fund into which money received would be deposited. Title: **SB 101 - Prepaid Tuition** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Encourages Connecticut residents to save money to pay for college education by authorizing creation of individual tuition savings accounts and by exempting interest and dividends earned on such accounts from state income tax. Title: **HB 5003 - Creation of Individual Savings Accounts for Tuition** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Enacted 6/97	Requires treasurer to establish college savings account program in accordance with 1996 federal act; exempts contributions to college savings account, interest earned on such contributions and withdrawals for qualified higher education expenses from state income tax. Title: **HB 6771 - College Savings Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 6/97	Creates Delaware Tuition Savings Program to increase ability of families and individuals to save for higher education; intends to vitalize ability of private sector to administer and invest program contributions under state guidance. Title: **HB 245 - Tuition Savings Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IA	Proposed 4/97	Relates to establishment of Iowa prepaid postsecondary tuition program; creates prepaid postsecondary tuition fund; provides for related matters. Title: **HB 459 - Iowa Prepaid Postsecondary Tuition Program** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 4/97	Creates Tuition Increase Act; prohibits, beginning with 1997-98 academic year, tuition rate increase at public university greater than (i) the lesser of 5% of tuition rate for preceding academic year or (ii) product of tuition rate for preceding academic year multiplied by inflation rate for calendar year in which that academic year began. Title: **HB 147 - Tuition Increase Limitations** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Vetoed 5/97	Creates Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act and amends Freedom of Information Act. Establishes Illinois program under which purchaser enters into and makes payments required under prepaid tuition contract to provide higher education for beneficiary of contract. Provides for administration of program by Illinois Student Assistance Commission in conjunction with three-member board [amendatory veto by governor]. Title: **SB 878 - Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act** Source: *StateNet*

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IL	Vetoed 8/97	Creates Illinois Prepaid Tuition Act and amends Freedom of Information Act. Establishes Illinois prepaid tuition program and provides for administration by Illinois Student Assistance Commission; provides that advisory panel shall consist of seven commission-appointed members; revises definition of eligible institution; provides that each appropriation constitutes loan to be repaid to General Revenue Fund within five years. Title: **HB 190 - Prepaid Tuition Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Proposed 12/96	Provides for establishment and operation of Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust. Title: **BR 104 - Prepaid Tuition** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Enacted 4/97	Authorizes Board of Regents to provide tuition waivers education benefit program. Title: **HB 17 - Tuition Waivers Education Benefit Program** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Enacted 5/97	Establishes Family Education Savings Act and oversight committee; allows person to make contributions to accounts established to pay higher education expenses for designated beneficiary; requires Board of Regents to implement program and authorizes board to select financial institutions to act as depositories and program managers, using specified bidding criteria; provides deduction from state income taxes. **Title: HB 536 - Postsecondary Savings Plan** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Proposed 5/97	Relates to New Jersey College Savings Plan Act; provides gross income tax incentives for certain college savings. (Substituted by S 2012.) Title: **AB 2865 - Income Tax Incentives for College** Source: *StateNet*
OK	Proposed 2/97	Creates Oklahoma Tuition Prepayment Program Act; authorizes Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to make certain determinations. Title: **HB 1349 - Tuition Prepayment Program for Higher Education** Source: *StateNet*
SC	Proposed 1/97	Establishes task force to study prepaid postsecondary education tuition plans and makes appropriation. Title: **SB 25 - Prepaid Postsecondary Education Tuition Plans** Source: *StateNet*
URBAN SCHOOLS		
CA	Enacted 9/96	Appropriates $2.25 million from general fund to superintendent of public instruction for 1996-97 fiscal year, for allocation to Los Angeles Unified School District for early intervention program for at-risk pupils in grades 6-8, who are otherwise eligible to be served by community day schools. Title: **AB 2895 - Program for At-Risk Pupils** Source: *StateNet*
CT	Died 6/97	Establishes fund to offer teachers noted for curriculum development and outstanding teaching skills increased salary of up to $5,000 per year to spend two years teaching in Hartford, New Haven or Bridgeport. Proposes that fund receive donations from private sources and that businesses be given tax credits for contributions. Title: **HB 5121 - Incentives for Teachers** Source: *StateNet*

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CT	Enacted 4/97	Dissolves Hartford Board of Education and establishes State Board of Trustees for Hartford Public Schools to take its place; transfers all contracts, powers and duties to new board and gives it sole responsibility for district management from June 1, 1997, to June 30, 2000; allows request for extension to June 30, 2002; makes other specific provisions regarding board. Title: **SB 1200 - Establishment of New Governing Board** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Died 4/97	Establishes new targeted Poverty Grant Program to provide for grants to counties and Baltimore City to improve educational performance and academic achievement of schools with students living in poverty; improves management and administration of schools with students living in poverty; implements other improvements that support improved classroom instruction. Title: **HB 1058 - Poverty Grant Program** Source: *StateNet*
OH	Enacted 8/97	Allows certain urban school districts, specifically Cleveland, to be governed by board named by mayor; gives mayor authority to appoint board to govern district, put current board in advisory capacity and allow referendum four years later on whether voters want to continue arrangement. Title: **HB 269 - Mayor's Governing Board** Source: Ohio School Boards Association Legislative Report
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (see WORKFORCE PREPARATION)		
VOUCHERS/TAX CREDITS		
AK	Proposed 4/97	Relates to credits against certain taxes for contributions for educational purposes. Title: **HB 194 - Tax Credits** Source: *StateNet*
AZ	Died 6/97	Establishes School Voucher Pilot Program; makes appropriation. Title: **HB 2362 - School Voucher Pilot Program** Source: *StateNet*
AZ	Enacted 4/97	Beginning tax year 1998, establishes two nonrefundable individual income tax credits, in lieu of deduction, from Arizona adjusted gross income; excess amounts may be carried forward up to five consecutive years: (1) for cash contributions of up to $500 made to school tuition organization (charitable organization that distributes choice scholarships or tuition grants to private elementary or high school that does not discriminate on basis of several specified characteristics); credit disallowed if taxpayer designates donation for direct benefit of any dependent; director of Department of Revenue required to report by July 1, 1999, to governor and legislature regarding credit's fiscal impact; (2) up to $200 for any fees paid by taxpayer to public school for extracurricular activities. Title: **HB 2074 - Income Tax Credits** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*; Arizona State Senate
CA	Died 7/96	Gives voucher subsidies to religious and other private schools; would allow 290,000 students to enroll in nonpublic schools using $3,000 "scholarships." Title: **AB 3180 - Vouchers for Religious Schools** Source: *Church and State*, July/August 1996; *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Proposed 4/97	Authorizes any grade 1-12 pupil who resides in lower-income household to receive voucher (called "opportunity scholarship") to enroll in participating qualified private or public school; requires voucher's value be equal to combined actual tuition, transportation, uniforms, supplies or other qualified education expenses or 90% of statewide revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance, whichever is less. Voucher awards limited to no more than 250,000 pupils in any fiscal year. Title: **AB 25 - Opportunity Scholarship** Source: California Association of School Administrators

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CA	Proposed 5/97	Authorizes tax credit of up to $50,000 beginning January 1, 1997, and continuing until January 1, 2007, for startup expenses of establishing, constructing or expanding public school facility to be used by children of employees of taxpayer or of tenants leasing space in building owned by taxpayer, and by other resident children in school district. Title: **AB 56 - Tax Credit** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 6/97	Provides income tax credit of up to $250 for retired persons age 65 years and older who contribute up to 500 hours per year of volunteer services to public K-12 school to aid existing school employees; does not allow credit for volunteer services that displace or prevent placement of any classified public school employee. Title: **AB 283 - Tax Credits for Retired Persons** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 5/97	Authorizes tax credit for unreimbursed qualifying classroom education expenses paid or incurred by teacher at qualifying education institution; qualifying expense includes such things as instructional materials, textbooks, equipment and school supplies; qualifying institution is defined as any public elementary, secondary or vocational-technical school in the state providing any of grades K-12. Title: **AB 336 - Tax Credits for Unreimbursed Classroom Educational Expenses** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CA	Proposed 5/97	Authorizes $30 to $100 tax credit for each qualified computer taxpayer contributes during taxable or income year; computer must be transferred to qualified facilitator or refurbisher for placement in public school, private school, college or university classroom. Title: **AB 372 - Tax Credit for Computer Contributions** Source: California Association of School Administrators
CO	Died 2/97	Relates to reimbursing parents for all or portion of tuition costs incurred in sending children to nonpublic schools; provides that court may determine reimbursement for parochial school attendance as unconstitutional. Title: **HB 1228 - Vouchers for Nonpublic Schools** Source: *StateNet*
CO	Died 1/97	Establishes pilot scholarship program to allow eligible students to attend nonpublic school and to assist qualified parents who choose to provide nonpublic home-based education programs for their children. Nonpublic school defined to mean any nonpublic school operating in state for at least three years, but not parochial school. Student would be eligible to participate in program if he or she is eligible for free or reduced-cost lunch under federal school lunch act and if, in prior school year, pupil was enrolled in public school, in nonpublic school under pilot program or was not enrolled in any school or participating in any nonpublic home-based education program. Title: **HB 1259 - Choice** Source: Colorado Legislative Council Staff
CO	Enacted 6/97	Beginning with 1997 income tax year, allows credit against state income taxes for 10% of total qualified investment made in qualified school-to-career program; repeals existing credit for investment in school-to-career programs in which students work predominantly in enterprise zones. Title: **HB 1152 - Income Tax Credit for School-to-Career Programs** Source: Colorado Association of School Boards

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DE	Died 6/96	Creates Private School Voucher Program initially for students who are eligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Title: **HB 687 and 710 - Private School Voucher Program** Source: *StateNet*
GA	Proposed 3/97	Establishes program of public tuition assistance at nonpublic elementary and secondary schools for certain public school students. Title: **HB 136/SB 259 - Public School Tuition Assistance** Source: Georgia Senate
GA	Proposed 3/97	SR 21 calls for Joint Committee on School Choice Vouchers; SR 22 calls for Senate Study Committee on School Choice Vouchers. Title: **SR 21/SR 22 - School Choice Voucher** Source: Georgia Senate
IA	Proposed 4/97	Increases tuition and textbook tax credit to 20% of first $1,000 of K-12 tuition and textbook expenses; provides applicability date. Title: **SB 538 - Tax Credit for Tuition and Textbooks** Source: *StateNet*
ID	Died 3/97	Relates to income tax credits against state income tax for nonuse of public schools for residents with children of compulsory school age (home-schooled children). Title: **HB 342 - Home Schooling** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 3/97	Amends Illinois Income Tax Act to create tax credit for corporations of 25% of amounts expended during taxable year on Adopt-a-Public-School Program; defines program elements; applies to tax years ending on or after December 31, 1997; sunsets credit after 10 years. Title: **HB 95 - Tax Credits for Corporations for Adopting Public School Program** Source: *StateNet*
IL	Proposed 4/97	Amends Illinois Income Tax Act to provide that, beginning with tax years ending after December 31, 1997, taxpayer who is custodian of qualified pupil shall be allowed income tax credit equal to $500 per pupil for qualified education expenses; provides that any credit in excess of tax liability shall be refunded to taxpayer. Pupil must be Illinois resident, under 21 and full-time pupil. Title: **HB 999 - Income Tax Credit** Source: *StateNet*
IN	Died 2/97	Establishes elementary and secondary school program that provides scholarships equal to 50% of school corporation's state aid per average daily membership (ADM) to certain students who rank academically in lower half of their grade. Title: **SB 151 - Elementary and Secondary Scholarship Program** Source: *StateNet*
LA	Died 6/97	Establishes Education Voucher Program; provides for student eligibility and school qualification to participate in program; duties and powers of State Department of Education, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and division of administration; provides for payment and repayment of vouchers and certain limitations and restrictions. Title: **SB 343 - Provision of Education Vouchers** Source: *StateNet*

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MA	Proposed 7/97	Provides state tax credit to eligible heads of household and married taxpayers paying high school extracurricular activity user fees. Title: **SB 1433 - Tax Credits** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 1/97	Relates to corporate tax deductions for educational contributions to elementary, secondary and postsecondary education institutions. Title: **HB 845 - Tax Credits for Educational Contributions** Source: *StateNet*
MA	Proposed 1/97	Provides that parents of student attending public higher education institution may deduct full payment of tuition and fees from state income tax. Title: **HB 870 - Deduction of the Full Payment of Tuition and Fees from State Income Tax** Source: *StateNet*
ME	Proposed 5/97	Promotes school choice by establishing voucher program. Title: **HB 1189 - Voucher Program** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 1/97	Requires income tax credit for cost of fees or tuition for students in grades K-12 when taught by qualified instructor; limits credit to $1,000 per child and $2,000 per family with income cap of $39,000; requires married taxpayers to file jointly to claim credit; allows full credit for students taught by parents; provides for refunds if credit is greater than tax liability; provides inflation adjustment for tuition, textbooks and transportation costs to students. Title: **HB 308 - Income Tax Credit for Tuition for Students** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 2/97	Provides income tax credit for participation in mentoring programs sponsored by nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporations to provide individual tutoring, coaching or education to children under age 18 on academic subjects, values or social skills; excludes athletic programs; allows credit equal to 50% of qualified expenses for admissions, supplies, meals, mileage, etc., or $250. Title: **SB 883 - Income Tax Credit for Mentoring** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Proposed 3/97	Authorizes income tax credit for individual contributions to higher education institutions in state. Title: **HB 319 - Income Tax Credit for Tuition for Students** Source: *StateNet*
MN	Enacted 6/97	Increases maximum tax deduction for each dependent in grades 7-12 from $1,000 to $2,500 and from $650 to $1,625 in grades K-6. Allows deductions for currently deductible expenses (tuition, fees, nonreligious textbooks and instructional materials, and transportation expenses paid to others) as well as for academic summer school and summer camps, tutoring and personal computer hardware and educational software, with limit of $200 for computer hardware and software. Increases existing working family credit from 15% to 25% of federal earned income credit for families with qualifying children. Increases maximum credit for family with one child from $332 to $553. For a family with two or more children, the maximum credit increases from $548 to $914. A new credit is created for education-related expenses for families with gross income less than $33,500 per year. Creditable expenses are the same as deductible expenses, with the exception of private school tuition or fees, which are not creditable. Title: **HB 1 and SB 1 - Tax Deduction and Credit** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Died 5/97	Creates income tax credit for certain educational expenses. Title: **HB 210 - Income Tax Credit for Educational Expenses** Source: *StateNet*

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MO	Died 5/97	Provides for Challenge Scholarships to phase in tax credits of up to $1,500 per year; would begin with maximum credit of $500 for calendar year 1998, reach $1,000 in 1999 and build to $1,500 in 2000; requires students to make satisfactory progress toward degree or certificate and attend any of about 90 Missouri colleges, universities and technical schools that meet established standards of quality. Title: **HB 538/SB 287 - Challenge Scholarship Program** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Authorizes income tax deductions for completing high school or college or both. Title: **HB 740 - Tax Credits** Source: *StateNet*
MS	Died 2/97	Allows income tax credit for college tuition. Title: **HB 1099 - Income Tax Credit for College Tuition** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Died 4/97	Establishes tax credit for businesses and individuals hiring recent Montana college graduates; allows carryover of unused credits; provides immediate effective date and retroactive applicability date. Title: **HB 80 - Tax Credits** Source: *StateNet*
MT	Died 4/97	Provides individual tax credit for qualifying elementary and secondary education expenses by individual for dependent minor. Title: **HB 433 - Tax Credits for Education Expenses** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 3/97	Provides for personal income tax subtraction from federal adjusted gross income for tuition, book and transportation expenses for dependents in elementary or secondary school; excludes religious, sporting, musical, drivers education and similar programs. Title: **AB 5736 - Income Tax Credit**
OH	Proposed 2/97	Relates to income tax credit; increases from $50 to $100 credit against school district income tax for taxpayers age 65 or older. Title: **SB 29 - Income Tax Credit**
OH	Proposed 3/97	Grants credit against personal income tax for cash contributions to primary and secondary schools. Title: **HB 291 - Personal Income Tax Credit**
OR	Died 3/97	Grants tax credit for educational expenses paid or incurred for students not attending school. Title: **HB 3427 - Tax Credit for Educational Expenses** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Died 4/97	Creates public education scholarship pilot program for children assigned to attend certain low-performing public schools. Title: **SB 1206 - Public Education Scholarship Pilot Program** Source: *StateNet*
UT	Died 4/97	Proposes to reduce class size and control enrollment growth by granting tax credits to parents for tuition at private schools. Title: **SB 61 - Income Tax Credits** Source: Utah Education Association

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WORKFORCE PREPARATION		
CA	Vetoed 9/96	Expresses legislative findings and declarations regarding work experience connected to school-based learning; establishes paid work experience program at minimum of five sites around state. Program would be administered by Employment Development Department in collaboration with State Department of Education and Office of Chancellor of California community colleges. Title: **SB 643 - Paid Work Experience Program** Source: *StateNet*
CO	Enacted 6/97	Beginning with 1997 income tax year, allows credit against state income taxes for 10% of total qualified investment made in qualified school-to-career program; repeals existing income tax credit for investment in school-to-career programs in which students work mostly in enterprise zones. Title: **HB 1152 - Income Tax Credit for School-to-Career Programs** Source: Colorado Association of School Boards
CT	Died 6/97	Makes public school curricula more oriented toward types of jobs and positions available in economic and business climate of state. Title: **HB 5344 - Workforce Preparation-Oriented Curriculum** Source: *StateNet*
FL	Proposed 6/97	Creates school-to-work program called Jobs for Florida's Graduates; provides requirements for school and student participation; creates endowment fund and provides for appropriations and gifts, use of funds and start-up funding. Title: **HB 1901 - School-to-Work Program** Source: *StateNet*
HI	Enacted 7/97	Provides for school-to-work work-based learning program administered by Department of Education and University of Hawaii; provides that students participating in approved school-to-work program, paid or not, shall be responsibility of state for purposes of worker's compensation coverage. Title: **HB 133 - School-to-Work Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Enacted 7/97	Relates to school-to-work opportunities; involves reforming education, developing workforce and simulating economic development. Title: **HB 2032 - School-to-Work Opportunities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IA	Enacted 4/97	Relates to workers' compensation coverage for students participating in school-to-work programs; provides for related matters. Title: **SB 361 - Workers' Compensation in School-to-Work Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 2/97	Eliminates performance-based standards of public school accreditation. Repeals Workforce -Education Act. Title: **SB 2127 - Performance-Based Standards, Workforce-Education Act** Source: *StateNet*
NM	Vetoed 4/97	Relates to education and makes appropriation; establishes statewide school-to-work system, involves partnerships among public schools; develops academic, technical competencies that student must demonstrate in today's workplace through work-based and school-based learning opportunities. Title: **HB 222 - Establishment of School-to-Work System** Source: *StateNet*

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NY	Proposed 4/97	Enacts Employer Participation in School-to-Work Act to provide that certain businesses which receive state assistance must provide programs for work-based activities for school-aged children. Title: **AB 7771 - Employer Participation in School-to-Work Act** Source: *StateNet*
NY	Proposed 4/97	Requires commissioner of education to promulgate rules and regulations to establish Individualized Career Planning Program through which each pupil in grade 7 and above would receive academic and career counseling and obtain knowledge of coursework needed to prepare for such career. Title: **SB 4652 - Career Planning Program** Source: StateNet
RI	Enacted 8/96	Relates to Rhode Island School-to-Work Transition Act of 1996. Title: **SB 2650 - School-to-Work Transition Act of 1996** Source: *StateNet*
TX	Passed 5/96	Provides for competency-based, applied learning in coherent sequence of courses in career and technology education; provides for career and technology education for members of special populations and for opportunities for students to participate in student leadership organizations; ensures that school districts will evaluate career and technology education programs annually. Title: **Applicability/Career and Technology Education Program General Provisions/Special Populations** Source: *StateNet*
VT	Proposed 2/97	Establishes workforce training and adult literacy trust fund in Department of Employment and Training from revenues derived from portion of unemployment compensation contributions and from payment school district makes if student drops out of school; establishes that fund shall be used to provide financial support for workforce training programs and adult literacy programs, and to pay tuition costs for adult students attending regional technical centers. Title: **HB 33 - Establishment of Workforce Training and Adult Literacy Trust Fund** Source: *StateNet*

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